五旬節林漢光中學是位於沙田區的 基督教學校,以傳揚福音為宗旨, 引導學生認識真理,並依照教育局 所規定標準課程,以求學生在靈、 德、智、體、群、美各方面均衡發 展。我們致力於營造愉快的教與學 環境, 裝備學生, 迎接二十一世紀 的挑戰。

學校為一所以英語為主要教學語言 的文中學,著重提升學生兩文三語 的能力。學校對推廣文藝創作一直 不遺餘力,在課程規劃上,本校進 行了多項課程改革,包括語文教育 學習領域、藝術教育學習領域等, 務求讓學生裝備自己,與時並進。

兩個語文科旨在提高學生讀寫聽說 及思維能力,培養學生語文學習的 興趣。協同藝術教育學習領域的各 升組,本校鼓勵學生文藝創作,安 排學生參與香港及全國的各類型比 賽,以開拓學生視野,又將學生的 創作予以出版。

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> --巫耀榮博士 署理校監

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--何樞熾校長

數年前中文科與藝術教育科的跨科合作,安排綜合藝術表演,讓中五學生改編文學作品,再用音樂、舞蹈及戲劇,在周會演繹。這是光中多年來一直努力的藝術交流活動,也正是光中將中文科、英文科、中國文學科、表演藝術科、視覺藝術科及音樂科的創作注入《光中文集》的原因。

-温紹武老師 禁休中文科主任

寫作是一項需要持續投入和堅持的艱巨任務,每個人都有潛力成為優秀的作家, 關鍵是保持積極的心態和對自己的寫作能力的信心,持續發掘自己的才華和熱情。

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序言

敬神愛人 教學相長

巫耀榮博士 署理校監

感恩,有機會在「光中文集 2024」寫序言。「光中文集」 是光中教學傳統之一,亦是讓師生交流的平台。

「博文」與「敬神」的關係,蘊涵於光中的校訓:「信、 望、愛 - 敬神愛人、博文律己」之中。而光中的辦學宗旨是以 傳揚福音,引導學生認識真理,幫助學生在靈、德、智、體、 群、美各方面均衡發展。引用《箴言 1:7》:「敬畏耶和華是知 識的開端,愚妄人藐視智慧和訓誨。」追求知識需先要敬畏神, 若是缺乏一顆對神敬愛的心,知識就不能使我們得智慧,反而 有機會讓我們成為愚妄人。「博文」需以「敬神」為先。

至 2024 年,光中辦學傳福音已踏入第四十一年。而「光中文集」是光中的美麗傳統之一,不僅記載學生的學習成果,也是一個「教學相長」的平台,讓師生交流,培育學生的文化精神和人文素質。回想去年,生成式人工智能於全球面世和廣泛應用,挑戰傳統教學知識傳遞的模式。然而,從培育文化素養的角度來看,透過生成式人工智能所編寫的文章亦往往缺乏文化精神。而人工智能機械人也取代不到教師,成為學生的榜樣,培育學生自強不息的素質。「是故學然後知不足,教然後知困。知不足,然後能自反也;知困,然後能自強也,故曰『教學相長』也。」《禮記·學記》。

故此,我見「光中文集」所盛載的是光中對神的敬愛、光 中的辦學宗旨、學生的學習成果和自強不息的素質。 作為光中的一份子,能為這本傳統文集撰寫序言,與有榮 焉。近期不斷聽到「儀式感」,文集正正是我們光中人的其中 一項儀式,帶動著我們前進。

文集是我們校園文化的瑰寶,它集合了不同風格、語言及 形式的作品。每一篇作品都像是一股清泉,滋潤著我們的心靈, 開闢我們的文化視野。

文集亦是師生創作的結晶,激發創意思維的美好園地。創意是無價的,絕非人工智能可輕易取代。除學生作品外,近年文集已加入了老師的教研或創作成果。師生相互交流,相互砥礪,創意無限,一樂也。

在此,我要特地感謝舊同事的遠見,多年前已開拓這片好土,當中錢德順副校長、前中文科主任溫紹武主任、前戲劇科主任黃麗萍主任是佼佼者。當然,創業難,守業更難,感恩一眾公共關係及出版組同事,願意薪火相傳,我們才得以持續培養同學的創造力,文化傳統得以傳承。

讓我們用心欣賞文集,品味其中的獨特價值。它是我們的 集體文化記憶,見證著光中人的成長足跡。讓我們一起珍惜這 片沃土,願主祝福大家!

驀然回首

溫紹武老師 榮休中文科主任 《光中文集 2024》顧問

離開光中已近三年。

這段期間一直在兩所大學擔任培訓中學中文科老師的工作, 行有餘力,更為香港電台主持文教節目。去年是介紹中國傳統 詩歌的《美詩誦》,今年則是介紹唐宋詞的《驀然回首》。

驀然回首,原來我不曾離開杏壇。

在光中最愛任教中國文學科,因為有很多機會欣賞文學創作,包括先賢,也包括年輕人的。十多年前鼓勵學生參加微型小說創作比賽,有些作品非常優秀,於是我把文章結集出版。後來和已退休的錢德順副校長探討協作計劃,發現可以將微型小說改寫成劇本,搬上舞台表演。那是 2014 年,我們將學生創作的微型小說〈生病〉及〈發酵在籠中〉,放到中文科選修單元中,要求學生在掌握改編小說的手法後,進行「微型小說變奏」,將微型小說改寫成劇本。2015 年 7 月在沙田大會堂文娛廳舉行的學校戲劇匯演,其中〈忘不了,忘得了〉、〈籠民〉正是改編自上述兩篇微型小說。

《光中文集》自 2020 年起,為了鼓勵創作,加入了老師創作的元素。為了身體力行鼓勵學生創作,這四年執筆寫了好幾

個微型小說,錢副校長將我的小說改編成戲劇。我們先後創作〈疫戰〉(2020)、〈分歧〉(2021)、〈異類〉(2022)及〈孤勇〉(2023)。這是一種很好的文學交流活動,也可讓同學將兩篇文章對讀。

藝術創作的多元性,令各種藝術間可以有不同的協作。

不久前,香港舞蹈總會跟我聯絡,提出他們正準備推行新一屆的「舞蹈教育提升計劃一編創傳承」,打算以「詩韻流芳」為主題,希望用中國傳統的詩詞,創作別具一格而又出色的舞蹈作品。因為主持與中國傳統詩詞相關的電台節目,所以香港舞蹈總會希望我提供一些有故事性,可供演繹的詩詞,並給予年輕的編舞者一些有關詩詞的介紹。我義不容辭,一口答應了,能夠為香港的藝術教育貢獻微小力量,何樂不為?

想起了數年前中文科與藝術教育科的跨科合作,安排綜合藝術表演,讓中五學生改編文學作品,再用音樂、舞蹈及戲劇,在問會演繹。這是光中多年來一直努力的藝術交流活動,也正是光中將中文科、英文科、中國文學科、表演藝術科、視覺藝術科及音樂科的創作注入《光中文集》的原因。

驀然回首,光中為香港藝術教育貢獻不少的人才和創作。 依然相信,《光中文集》將有更多優秀的創作問世。

平淡無奇的人,是不是就注定成不了天才作家?

盧嘉嘉老師 《光中文集 2024》主編

近日在韓國作家鄭汝佑《堅持寫下去的勇氣》一書,看到 這樣的一個問題:「平淡無奇的人,是不是就注定成不了天才 作家?」《光中文集》的出版已有數年,未知同學看到當中的 作品有何感受,是欣賞文章之美,積極取長補短?或是內心總 不是滋味,只顧抱怨自己力有不逮?

或許寫作表現較佳的人可能具備與眾不同的生活經歷或非 凡的天賦,但平淡無奇的人也有可能寫出優秀的文章。天才作 家並非僅限於那些擁有戲劇性或特殊經歷的人。實際上,只要 我們學會觀察生活中的細節、記錄自身的日常體驗,以及留意 各樣情感變化,定能創作出深刻而引人入勝的作品。

具體而言,寫作是需要不斷的學習和實踐。

先是廣泛閱讀。通過閱讀不同類型的文學作品,包括小說、 散文、詩歌等,可以學習不同的寫作風格、技巧和結構,同時 培養對語言和文字的敏感性。

此外,寫作是一個需要不斷實踐和磨礪的過程。同學可以 開始寫作日記、隨筆或小故事,記錄自己的想法、觀察和感受。 通過堅持寫作,可以逐漸提升自己的表達能力和文筆。同學亦 可以通過反思自己的生活經歷和與他人的互動,尋找其中的情 感和人性的細微之處。觀察周圍的人、事、物,探索其中的意 義和故事,將其轉化為自己的創作素材。普遍同學都可逐漸發 展出獨特的寫作風格和個人體悟。

寫作是一項需要持續投入和堅持的艱巨任務,每個人都有 潛力成為優秀的作家,關鍵是保持積極的心態和對自己的寫作 能力的信心,持續發掘自己的才華和熱情。

中文佳作

周綺婷老師 中文科主任

在這個充滿變遷與挑戰的時代,創作成為我們心靈的港灣。 每當靈感來臨,筆尖滑過紙面,那些隱藏在心底的故事便紛至 沓來,彷彿它們早已等待多時,只為在這一刻與世界相遇。

學生時代是人生中最燦爛、最純真的一段時光。每一個文字,每一篇文章,都是他們成長道路上的點滴記錄。這些作品既有對未來的美好憧憬,也有對現實的深刻思考;既有對生活的細膩觀察,也有對世界的熱情表達。

在這裡,我們會看到許多不同的視角,聽到不同的聲音。 每一位同學都以自己獨特的方式,繪製出屬於他們的心靈圖景。 他們或許尚未成熟,但正因為這份青澀,才更顯得珍貴和真實。

我邀請您與我們一同走進這些年輕心靈的世界, 感受他們 的思考、夢想與情感。

記一次參加課外活動的經歷和感受

1A 林道證

每當我看見床下那個沾滿灰塵的足球,那件歷歷在目的事 就會從我腦海裏慢慢浮現出來……

記得某一年的一天,我正在房間裏苦惱地思考着我應該選擇哪一種課外活動作今年的學習目標。突然,電視機上播放出一個俊俏的足球運動員正在盤扭着足球,我頓時有了學習足球的決心。就這樣,我就決定報讀足球班。爸爸對我說:「學習一門技術,不是可以一步登天,你要用心學習,不要放棄喔!」我一口答應了。

第一堂的足球課是星期六進行。我滿是期待地奔往足球場。 第一個訓練就是傳球。我以為非常簡單,但其實不是。我控制 不好力度和方向,一時用力地踢去東面,一時力度過輕地踢向 西面,導致我的搭檔經常東奔西走。

我的心猶如泄了氣的皮球,沒有動力再踢下去。就在這刻,我記起爸爸的那番教導,當日他叫我「不要放棄」的畫面立即浮現。我心想:如果現在就放棄,豈不是無視了爸爸的教導了?我醒悟過來後,頓時像輛重新充電的電車一樣,重獲生機,在球場上努力練習。最終,我成功完成了為期一年的足球課程,並沒有辜負爸爸對我的期望。

在這事中,我學會了怎樣踢足球。但更重要的是,我領悟了「有志者,事竟成」這個道理。如這句名言一樣,我們做什麼事情都不應早早就輕易放棄,要堅持下去,才會有美好的結果。

颱風襲港前的景象

1A 張佳宜

今天早上,母親看天氣陽光明媚,便打算帶我出門買菜, 我也點點頭,馬上穿好了衣服,隨着母親便下了樓。

過了一會,我和母親買完菜了,正要回家時,天空卻慢慢暗下來。烏黑的雲擋住了太陽,就在這時,我聽見一旁賣菜的老奶奶喊到:「要颳颱風啦!」果不其然,沒過一會,突然颳起了一陣風,天空也隨之落下了豆大般的雨點。這一刻,菜市場上的人變得慌亂起來,各自打起了傘,使原本就不寬的道路變得更加擁擠,兩旁賣菜的人也慌忙的收起了自己的攤位。

家和菜市場離得很近,我和母親一直走就到了。路上狂風不斷的吹着,旁邊的一棵粗壯的樹還倒了,連根拔起,樹的根還被狂風吹得張牙舞爪。我們走進了小區,裏面的人不是在往玻璃上貼黃色的膠紙,就是在陽台把掛好的衣服取下來,在颱風來臨前先拿回室子裏。

我和母親也加快了腳步,終於回到家。那時,天已經完全暗了下來,意味着真正的颱風馬上就要來臨了。聽着耳邊風打窗上玻璃的聲音,我又望了出去。街上的人也寥寥無幾,與平時熱鬧的街道形成了鮮明的對比。雖然耳邊有狂風的呼呼聲,但我卻覺得很清靜,街上沒有了吵鬧聲,也沒有汽車奔馳的聲音。

看了一眼時間,距離我和母親出門只有兩小時,卻發生了 這麼大的變化,我不禁感嘆到:「這場颱風來得真突然啊!」

一個毫不起眼的小人物

1A 張深悅

社會上,有無數個毫不起眼的小人物。但他們卻是社會上不可或缺的重要人物。試想想:是誰幫我們清潔打掃地方?是誰不嫌棄骯髒的垃圾幫我們清理呢?而在眾多清潔工中最叫我敬佩的,就是我家樓下的清潔工人——麗姐。

麗姐,是一個樸素的人。她有短短的頭髮、櫻桃小嘴、高高的鼻子,並戴着一副黑框眼鏡。每次看到她,她都是推着那個一應俱全的清潔車或是拿着掃帚掃走地上的垃圾。每天上學,我都能碰見她,她每天也會掛着親切的笑容和我說:「早安呀,小美!」我也會回她一句:「早安呀,麗姐!」這看似一句簡單的問候,對我而言卻很重要,是一支給我鼓勵的強心針!

有一天,上學時,我看不到麗姐的蹤影,我心裏十分疑惑。 上課時,我一直在想麗姐去哪兒了?心思根本不在課堂上。放 學後,我從樓下的保安員口中得知,原來她的女兒生病了,所 以麗姐請假去照顧她。得知原因後,我的心情有點失落。

那幾天我如常上學,但沒有麗姐早上的問候和鼓勵,我便 像洩了氣的氣球一樣。此外,我也發現沒了麗姐,垃圾房的垃圾堆積如山,還散發出一股臭氣,叫人難受。我突然明白到麗 姐雖然毫不起眼,但她認真工作的態度卻是無人能替代的。對 比起之前在我們屋苑工作的清潔工人,那懶散和馬馬虎虎工作 態度,麗姐真是太敬業了。雖然她的工資不高,但她做事絕不 敷衍。面對著排山倒海的工作量,清理每一件垃圾都令人產生 厭惡,但她仍舊毫無怨言,默默去完成工作。

從今以後,我要學習麗姐那種認真做事,不敷衍的工作態度,成為一個像麗姐一樣的「大人物」。

一個毫不起眼的小人物

1A 楊樊

在形形色色的人中,保安可以說是毫不起眼,而我家樓下的保安員翊叔更是外表平凡,樣貌普通的大叔。如果不是因為 一次意外的經歷,我想我也不會留意到他。

大約在一個月前,我正在大堂等候電梯,這時,一個戴着 黑色口罩,神色古怪的人跟着伯伯進了大堂。翊叔見他樣子陌 生,不像是大廈的住戶,便打算找那個人問一問,誰知那人一 看見翊叔走過來,便心虛地拔腿就跑,幸好翊叔身手矯健,一 下就制服了那個男人,並叫周圍的人報警。最後警察到了才知 道,原來那人正打算入屋搶劫,沒想到卻被大廈的保安員翊叔 制服。

經過那件事,我才留意到翊叔,我之前對他的印象只停留 在他幫我開過幾次門。但在這件事之後,我才發現無論甚麼時 候我出門,翊叔都是坐在位置上留意着四周,一副警醒的樣子, 他從沒有試過偷懶,與之前不是睡覺,就是看手機的保安員形 成強烈對比。

我這才明白到,在社會上有許多毫不起眼的人,但正是由 於他們的默默守護,盡忠職守,我們才可以生活在安穩的社會。 謝謝你!

一個毫不起眼的小人物

1A 劉亞文

你、我、他……,都可以是一個毫不起眼的小人物,每天 為生活打拼。即便如此,我們卻是社會上不能或缺的重要人物。 每個人都擔當着重要的角色。對我來說,每天早上坐在我家樓 下大門口的保安大叔,就是一個不起眼的人物了。

保安大叔長着高挺的鼻樑、大大的眼睛,有一頭烏黑的頭髮,看上去英氣十足。每天早上他都坐在保安室的椅子上閉目養神,平日也甚少說話,看上去沉默寡言、不易相處,因此我也不怎麼敢與他說話。直至那件事,我才對他改觀。

不久前,我家樓上的鄰居在半夜傳出了極大的噪音,原本也沒甚麼,我與母親都習慣了這位鄰居「三天一小吵,五天一大吵」的生活習慣。可不知怎麼了,這次不止有碰撞聲,還伴隨着愈來愈大的爭吵聲。我害怕出甚麼事,就打電話給保安室,並與保安大叔一起上樓查看。剛上樓,就看見一個女人跌跌撞撞地跑了過來,一問才知,原來她就是住我樓上的鄰居,她被丈夫家暴,好不容易才逃了出來。我立刻報警,這時候她丈夫追了出來,手中還拿着武器,保安大叔先是確認了我們二人的安危,再制服了那名男子。事後還第一時間確保我們有沒有受傷,並親自送我們去醫院做檢查才放心下來。

我沒想到,他這樣看起來沉默寡言的人內心竟如此溫柔細心,不但勇於出手救助住客,見義勇為,還主動關心我和受傷的鄰居。這令我對他有所改觀,沒想到那毫不起眼的小人物竟然如此有影響力。

這件小事

2A 賴卓嵐

這件小事,提醒我要更愛這個家。我的家是單親家庭,家 裏只有我和媽媽。有次媽媽生病,雖然沒有甚麼大問題,只是 急性腸胃炎,但也需要留院觀察一周。

接下來的一天,我需要自己留在家中。一開始,我以為我能夠自由自在,但卻被媽媽一個電話,讓我忙了整天。

第一個任務是把衣服放進洗衣機清洗,然後把它們晾在外面。我心想:輕輕鬆鬆啦!我把一籃子衣服丟進洗衣機,卻被媽媽在短訊告知要分類,紅色黑色的衣物要分開個別清洗。衣服洗完後,我把它們用衣架掛起來,扯平,再夾上兩個夾子固定。結果,晾這堆衣服費了我半小時。

第二個任務是掃地。我拿起掃帚掃房子,腰卻很累很累, 但還是硬着頭皮繼續。掃完後我立刻躺到沙發上,原來簡單的 小事也可以那麼累。

第三個任務就是自己做飯,順便送到醫院去。而我只會煮 蕃茄炒蛋。首先往鍋中倒少許油,放入蕃茄翻炒出汁,再倒入 蛋液,還需要再放少許調味料。出鍋後,我嘗了一口。我皺著 眉頭說:「嘔!也太難吃了吧!算了算了我還是先煮飯吧!」 可是飯又多加了水,變了粥。當時時間也不早了,只能去送飯。 飯菜到了媽媽的手中,她也不嫌棄。我坐在她身旁,回想那天做過的事。平時媽媽也要做這幾件事,甚至還要做更多。她一人擔當起了兩個角色,連爸爸的角色也要做,實在是太辛苦了!經過這件小事之後,我更愛我的家,更愛媽媽,並決定為這個家庭付出更多!

2B 李彬彬

我有一雙舊鞋子,是小學五年級時媽媽給我買的。它是用 彈性布料製作的白色運動鞋,透氣又舒適。我曾穿着它在足球 大賽中獲得冠軍,即使它現在已隨着時間發黃變色,但我仍記 得穿着這對運動鞋登上領獎台時自豪的樣子。

這雙運動鞋並不昂貴,卻教導了我一個重要的道理。

升上中學時,這雙舊鞋子隨着歲月流逝,已經不再新穎。 我曾因為穿着這對破舊發黃的運動鞋而在同學面前感到自卑。 同學們的鞋大多都是名牌球鞋,再不濟也都是新穎潮流的運動 鞋,只有我一個穿着發黃過時的「便宜貨」!當時我心想:一 定要買一雙潮流的名牌鞋子!每當穿着這雙鞋子和同學見面時, 我就像醜小鴨一樣,臉上燒得通紅。這樣在同學面前抬不起頭 的感覺,我實在是不想再體驗了!

可當我終於存錢買到了夢寐以求的名牌球鞋的時候,穿上 鞋子的那一刻,心中彷彿空了一塊。原來我所渴求的名牌球鞋, 穿上去的感覺和之前的舊鞋子也相差不多,甚至不如原來那雙 舊鞋子舒適。穿上名牌球鞋的滿足感,遠遠不及我穿着舊球鞋 在足球大賽時獲獎的那一刻。 這時我才明白,原來昂貴和潮流不是「好」的標準。我們 現在追求名牌,生怕跟不上時尚潮流的步伐。但我們是否忘記 了事物最初的意義呢?衣服是為了保暖,鞋子是為了保護腳以 免受傷。我們的選擇標準是從甚麼時候,由方便舒適變成追求 名牌潮流呢?原來追求外在物質的滿足,不如追求事物最初的 本質。原來美好就在身邊。

獎勵比懲罰更能教育一個人

3A 王鈺榮

現今社會,人們常以獎勵和懲罰來引導別人和塑造他們的價值觀。獎勵通常是以正向的方式激勵學生,使之保持良好的學習態度。相反,懲罰是以嚴厲的教育方式來約束學生,糾正錯誤行為。我認為獎勵才是恰當的方法去教育人。每人的能力都不同,只要把獎勵和懲罰結合才達到最佳效果。

首先,獎勵能激勵人的積極性。當一個人得到獎勵時,他 會認為自己受到重視和認可,令他主動學習。著名德國科學家、 諾貝爾獎得主奧比·海因斯希·瓦勃格是獎勵式教育的成功例 子。他的父親不時給予奧比表揚和獎勵,激發了他對科學的興 趣,之後更愛上科學,成績名列前茅,為他日後進入科學殿堂 鋪好道路。另外,學校頒獎禮獎勵品學兼優的學生,如派發書 券、證書等,令他們得到肯定後更有信心迎接學習上的挑戰。 可見獎勵可激發人們對學習的興趣,發掘潛能。

其次,獎勵促進長期發展。獎勵是以正向的反饋和激勵來 引導人學習,而懲罰只能短期制止不良行為,無法培養良好價 值觀。尼采說:「教育是一個需要幫助的過程,而不僅是一個 控制的過程。懲罰可能產生恐懼和抵觸情緒,並且往往只能在 當下發揮作用。然而獎勵可以正向的反饋和激勵來引導人們的 行為,使其習慣於正確的行為模式。」可見獎勵有助於一個人 建立良好品德和價值觀,促進長期發展。 最後,獎勵能建立積極的學習環境,促進合作和共享。愛 因斯坦說:「教育的目的是培養創造力和好奇心。當獎勵成為 一個團體中的常規時,一種傾向於相互支持和幫助,形成積極 的學習氛圍。這種環境有助於人與人之間的共享和合作,激發 人的創造力和好奇心。」學校還舉辦不少活動,如中文閱讀獎 勵計劃等,鼓勵學生共同探索和學習,建立積極的學習環境成 效。可見獎勵促進人的合作精神和人與人之間的關係。

然而,處罰仍是一個必要的手段。它去除人的惰性,讓人 得到磨練而進步,但過分嚴苛只會適得其反。想一想,如果孩 子經常受到父母、老師的責罰,只會扼殺人的創造力,影響人 與人之間的關係,衍出反叛的心理,令心靈受損,從而影響成 長。不只是孩子,年青人,甚至是成年人也會因為過度的處罰 而影響心理發展,無助改善問題。

總括來說,獎勵是一道明亮的光芒,照光前進的方向;懲罰則是一道陰霾,遮蔽了成長的道路。獎勵能激勵人的積極性,促進長期發展和建立積極的學習環境。每人的能力都不同,只要因材施教,把獎勵和懲罰相互結合才達到最佳效果。

獎勵比懲罰更能教育一個人

3A 林曉晴

正所謂「獎賞是教育的恩物。」現今世代,如何正確地教 導孩子,讓孩子走上正確的道路,擁有一個比父母輩更好更輝 煌的人生,這成為了各個家長茶餘飯後的話題。到底獎勵和懲 罰,哪個教導方法更好呢?而我認為獎勵能更好地教導一個人。

第一,獎勵能使人有動力前進。一味的懲罰,只會讓孩子對自己失去信心,失去進步的動力。而獎勵,能讓本是愚鈍的人走向成功。例如愛因斯坦,相信大家都知道他是一個偉大的科學家,但愛因斯坦成功的道路並不像我們想像中的一帆風順,甚至可說是崎嶇不平。在愛因斯坦小時候,他的父母便發覺他學習的速度比別人慢,甚至根本跟不上學校教導的內容,而學校也認為愛因斯坦是個傻子,老師也和他家長說:「他讀不讀書都沒有所謂了,反正都不會有所成就。」面對着老師這番說話,愛因斯坦感到十分難受和頹廢,而愛因斯坦的父母回家後沒有像其他孩子的父母一樣,責打他,並要求他溫習跟不上的內容。反而獎勵他一顆糖果,並安慰他說:「我知道你已經十分努力,加油!」父母的獎勵及鼓勵,使愛因斯坦很快便重拾自信,並更加發憤用功地學習,研究出相對論,成為一名鼎鼎大名的科學家。由此可見,獎勵能使人重拾自信心,發揮潛能。

第二,獎勵能使人改變。當人做錯事時,只依靠懲罰來教 育他可能會有反效果。而獎勵,能激發人的羞惡之心。例如: 陶知行那四塊糖果的故事。一天,陶知行上班時看到一個學生 正拿着磚頭朝另一位同學打下去,他把那位學生叫到辦公室後 便獎勵了他一顆糖果,並說:「這一顆糖果是獎勵你今天比我 還早到學校。」接着又拿出另外兩顆糖果說:「這是獎勵你在 我阻止你時及時停止。而這顆則是我獎勵你,因為幫助同學才 做出這樣的行為。」那個學生因為心中的愧疚感,忍不住大哭 向陶知行承認錯誤,而陶知行也給了他最後一顆,獎勵他的誠 實及知錯能改。由此可見,獎勵能使人激發心中的愧疚,並做 出改正。

相反地,懲罰會使人叛逆。雖然有人說:「棒打出孝子,嚴師出高徒。」但事實卻並非如此。一味的懲罰去教導孩子只會讓他們更叛逆。例如,我有一個同學以前因說謊被媽媽懲罰後,不但沒有任何改進,反而繼續對自己的母親說謊。她為了出去和朋友玩,便撒謊說自己要補課。為了去買偶像的產品,騙媽媽說要交班會費。為了去看偶像的演唱會,騙媽媽說身體不舒服,不去上學。由此可見,懲罰並不能更好地教導孩子,反而會有反效果。

總括而言,懲罰孩子並不能讓孩子更乖巧懂事,反而可能 會使人叛逆,令他的心理受到傷害。而獎勵能讓人更有動力、 自信和改變自己。因此,獎勵更能有效地教導孩子。

3A 陳昕澄

親愛的爸爸、媽媽:

爸爸,很久不見,你最近勞累嗎?媽媽,您最近總是滿面 愁容,是遇到困難嗎?您們有好好放鬆嗎?有好好休息嗎?爸 爸,您又會何時回來香港?

我有些心底話,想要向您們訴說,希望您們能耐心傾聽我。

小時候的我,最喜愛晚餐的時光,因為只有在這段時光裏, 我們能一起吃飯,分享彼此的事情。我很喜愛與您們相處,只 有您們在我身旁的時候,我才會感到快樂、放鬆。可是快樂的 時光轉瞬即逝,到了第二天的早上,爸爸您閑熟地打着領呔匆 匆出門。雖然不知道您有沒有回頭,但每當門快要關上時,我 都會從門縫裏看着您離開時的背影。我知道,您忙於到訪外地 辦公事,要隔上好幾天才能再次看見您那親切的臉龐。在您不 在家的日子裏,我總會想像您工作的模樣。雖然我們有時候會 透過視像來通話,但是我不能觸碰到您,只能透過那小小的螢 幕,來傳遞我對您的關心。我仔細看着螢幕,牢牢記住您的模 樣。爸爸您的目光黯然失色,茫然地看着螢幕,我看出您的疲 累,感受到您的無奈。希望爸爸您有充足的休息時間,就算再 忙碌,也要讓自己好好休息。 媽媽,猶記起每天早上,您起牀總是比我晚。我看着媽媽您的睡臉,發現您的黑眼圈顏色很深,還有幾條銀絲藏在烏黑濃密的頭髮下。雖然您起牀比我晚,可您卻是在我睡覺的時候才會回到家中。有一次我通宵溫習,聽到客廳傳來微細的聲音:「我回來了。」我抬頭看看時鐘,已是三時。我走到廚房,為您準備一杯熱茶,你卻緩緩走過來輕聲說:「把茶包交給我,你專心去溫習。」我放下茶包走出廚房,有些不放心,便回頭看看。媽媽您那單薄的身軀就像一張經不起揉捏的紙,您的眼神毫無光彩,您瘦得連臉頰也陷了下去,然而您立在那裏的背影,卻是那麼挺拔,那麼堅毅。我看着您因每天舟車勞頓,一天比一天消瘦,鼻子頓時酸了。

爸爸媽媽您們總是十分忙碌,每天像是有一堆處理不完的事,雖然相處時間不多,但我仍深深感受到您們為這個家付出的努力。就算不能與爸爸媽媽有長時間的相處,但我也感受到您們對我、對這個家的關愛,即使相隔千里,也能感受到。希望晚餐的時間再長一點,大家相處的時間多一點,或許有一天,我們再次坐在同一屋簷下相聚,互相吐露心腸。即使這美好的時光不能是永遠,但我也會珍惜這短暫卻溫馨美好的時光。

祝 生活愉快

女兒

陳一心 敬上

二零二三年十月六日

期待父母來看我的表演

3A 陳梓彥

親愛的媽媽:

你的背痛好些了嗎?頭痛改善了嗎?自從哥哥因會考成績不理想而要到國外留學,你的負擔好像又更重了,每日都是早出晚歸,我們一家人已經很久沒有一起好好地吃一頓晚餐了……

「跳舞對你的人生有甚麼幫助?與其在那裏浪費時間,還 不如多溫習一會兒!」

你還記得這句話嗎,媽媽?這句話像刀子一樣割開那個叫「夢想」的袋,所有的努力和堅持就像地上的灰塵,被貶得一文不值。在小學時,你經常帶我和哥哥去參加不同的興趣班,讓我們接觸更多學習之外的事物,當時我對跳舞情有獨鍾,你便常常鼓勵我一直堅持下去。你還記得我第一次表演嗎?當時我真的害怕極了,心臟像快要跳出來一樣,根本沒法冷靜下來。上台後,我都還沒進入狀況,像丟了魂魄似的。正當慌神之際,我看見台下有一個人在揮手,我定睛一看,原來是你在為我打氣。我看到你後,安心了許多,於是深呼吸,將腦中的慌張驅散。在表演完畢後,我立刻跑到你的身邊,和你訴說着剛剛在台上的感受,然後牽着你的手回家了。

但可能你受到哥哥會考失利的影響,在我升上中學後,你 便對我的學業表現更嚴格,叫我專注於學業,不要把時間浪費 在跳舞上。每次聽到你的說教,我的心裏都會不自禁地懷疑自 己的堅持是否「正確」。在上一次表演時,我在想的不是下一 個舞步怎樣跳,而是問自己應不應該堅持下去,這種矛盾的感 受令我心裏很難受。當其他小朋友表演時,我聽到他們的家人 都在台下呼喊着小朋友的名字。那一刻,我好像看到兒時的我 和你,我不願意再眨眼,我想再多看一眼這個畫面。表演結束 後,我匆匆回到家中學習了。

其實我一點都沒有怪責你,我明白作為一個中學生,理應 全心全意投入學業。但我真的不想放棄這個夢想,因為它早已 成為我生命中的一部分。我明白你作為母親,再加上哥哥的影響,對我的學業緊張是正常的。我很想再感受一次你的鼓勵所 帶來的溫暖和力量。下週日我有一個表演,希望你能來看,讓 我能再次經歷那個溫馨的場面。

祝

身體健康

兒子

陳向華 上

二零二三年九月二十四日

期待與你們變成朋友

3B 陳芊箖

親愛的爸爸、媽媽:

你們好!我之所以用書信的方式來跟你們溝通。其實有兩個原因。第一,因為我希望能夠改善我們之間的關係。第二,我不面對面跟你們說,是因為這樣會令到我尷尬。我期待能用這封信把我們的關係從家人,變成朋友、同輩關係。希望你們能跟我可以有更多溝通、相處的時間。不會再因為身為長輩的關係,從而減少了我們之間的溝通。

從我小學開始,你們就開始用父母的身份來命令我,希望 我聽從你們的指示。或者因為我是你們的女兒,你們就認為我 還是小孩子。小孩不應干涉父母的對話,小孩子的事也不用和 你們溝通等等。但是你們從不知,我是多麼渴望和你們溝通。

你們還記得嗎?櫃子上的那盒紙蛋糕。那是我藝術科的勞作,是一個老師要我們做來感謝爸爸媽媽一直照顧我們的禮物。我還記得那天晚上,我在家裏等待你們,一回到家就把禮物送給你們。但是你們收到後的第一句卻是:「怎麼會是白色的!」我嘗試開口跟你們說原因時,你們又開口說:「為什麼不是橘色的,明明我們喜歡橘色,快!快拿顏色筆出來。」我默默把顏色筆拿出,你們就站在我身旁說:「改掉它,把底色塗成黃色,這樣好看。」、「然後加點橘色做點綴。」、「你看看這

不就完美了。」然後把它放在櫃子上。我看着被改掉的作品,不知如何是好。你們已經不是第一次這樣命令我、要求我聽從你們。你們三番四次這樣對我,我已難以忍受。我希望能用這封信告訴你們,你們不要再次這樣對我了。請你們也多多聆聽我的話吧!我也有自己的想法。相反,如果你們自己的東西被改掉,你們也不會高興吧。

小學六年級時,我正在煩惱選哪間中學,還記得你們在那段時間,日日在討論幫我選哪幾所中學做首三志願。我隱隱約約記得你們提起到某中學時。我就說:「那中學風評不太好,有同學的哥哥在這所讀,而且老師對待學生也不友好,所以不要選。」說完後,你們就大叫:「大人在說話,小朋友不要插嘴!」但是這明明是關於我的事,卻不讓我討論。雖然最後我們沒有把它放在首三志願,但我不明白,為何不讓我一起討論呢?我已經成長了,不再是小孩子了。我自己也也能做出決定,我希望你們能聽聽我的話。

看完這封信,我相信你們也明白我的意思,我期待我們之間的關係,能從長幼關係,變成朋友般的存在,無所不談,有心事也能互相傾談。

我希望跟你們的相處方式,能變成朋友般的存在。如果可以回到以前,我希望你們能這樣對我。收到我送的作品,你們應該說:「嘩!謝謝你,我很喜歡。」然後,把它放在櫃上。 聆聽我,給我機會解釋,為何會選擇黑色和白色。聽我說: 「是因為我對可可敏感,而我知道,你們每次都因為我,不能 買巧克力做生日蛋糕,所以才把顏色塗成黑、白色。」之後, 大家一起開開心心,欣賞作品。

祝

身體健康

女兒

芋箖 啟

二零二三年九月二十二日

期待溝通和互相理解

3B 陳思儒

親愛的爸爸和媽媽:

這次我寫這封信,希望能帶給你們一些新的觀點,能夠與你們開誠布公地溝通,以促進我們之間的溝通。根據最近的研究顯示,大部份初中階段的孩子都具有較強的叛逆性,我也不例外,這可能就是導致了我們之間互不理解的原因。但是,我相信這並不是永久的,而是每個人成長都會經歷的過程。

我想告訴你們,我期待和你們建立一個新的關係——朋友。 我明白雖然我們可能有不同的意見和價值觀,但這並不等於我們不能互相聆聽和理解。我想和你們一起聊天,我想要被你們肯定,我想你們可以陪着我一起成長,我想你們支持我,我想你們了解我。

首先,我希望我們能夠建立一個平等和互相尊重的溝通模式。你們記得嗎?之前每次我說甚麼事,你們都以父母的身份來說服我、命令我和批評我,這使我不想和你們聊天。我覺得自己做甚麼事情都做不好,不被你們尊重。你們記得嗎?上網課的那段時間,你們經常一言不合,沒有問過我便直接打開我的房門,就開始責罵我的房間混亂,我需要你們尊重我,不要一言不合就打開我的房門。我希望你們能等我網課完結時才敲門進來。

我並不希望你們一直在打壓我,我想學會獨立,想當一個獨立思考和表達意見的「小大人」。我期待你們可以給予我表達自己的機會,聽取我的想法和感受,並不是每次都否定我。這樣我們可以討論彼此的想法和感受,而不是你們的意見佔主導。我期望我們之後能坐在一起談天說地,各自發表對事件的看法和感受。如果我們可以這樣相處,那個畫面應該是很融洽和和睦的;那個畫面的我們應該在面帶笑容,說話的語氣應該不是惡言厲色的。這樣的互動方式會讓我感到受重視和尊重,讓我重拾信心,同時也有助於我更好理解你們的角度,互相尊重。

除此之外,我希望當我面臨各種挑戰和問題時,你們能夠支持和鼓勵我。你們知道嗎?每次我的成績不理想,我其實是想你們去安慰我,並不是一味地打壓我,拿我的同學作比較。雖然我知道你們是緊張我、想我為自己的未來作鋪墊,擔心我未來找不到一份好的工作,但是這些話就像一把錘子一樣,慢慢地令我心碎。我期待有一天可以聽到你們和我說「不要緊,下次再努力」、「我知道你已經努力了,我們下次再加油!」、「我相信你下次會有進步的,讓我們一起努力,加油!」這些話,並不是說「你為什麼會考這麼低分?」、「這麼簡單也沒辦法考好,你真沒用!」、「你看看你的同學,每次都考得這麼好」……我期待你們能夠給予我信心和支持,讓我自信一點,相信自己可以做好任何事情。我覺得可以增強我的自信心和自尊心,逐漸學會獨立。

最後,我期待我們能夠建立一個開放和融洽的溝通環境, 能夠共同成長,能夠共同探索解決問題的方法。你們有嘗試理 解我嗎?每次有問題,你們都是以各種理由拒絕我,不一起去 想解決辦法,我覺得這並不是一個完整的家。有時候,我真的 對你們很失望,有時候我真的很恨你們,但誰讓你們是我的父 母呢?我期待當我有難題的時候,我們可以一起面對,一起想 解決辦法,共同尋找解決方法。我們可以互相學習,一起進步。 我知道你們在這麼多年的生活中積累了豐富的經驗,我希望能 從你們身上學到更多。同時,我也希望能分享我的觀點和想法。 我相信只有透過合作和互相理解,我們才能夠找到大家都滿意 的解決方法。這樣的合作過程不僅有助於解決當前的問題,也 能能夠增強我們之間的連結與互相信任。

親愛的爸媽,我衷心地希望藉着這封信,能夠成為我們關係中的一個轉折點,希望這能夠傳達我對我們關係的期望,讓我們可以更加頻繁地溝通和交流。我知道我們之間存在着溝通上的困難,但我相信只要我們互相心懷開放,理解和支持,並且願意互相學習與成長,我們一定能夠建立起更好的溝通、更好地理解彼此、共同成長,建立更強大而深厚的親子關係。

祝

身體健康

女兒

陳思儒 啟

二零二三年九月二十五日

期待自由

3B 霍逸軒

親愛的母親:

媽媽,從我小時候開始,您總是那個作主的人,很多事情都是您替我決定的。就比如我小學三年級那次,關於興趣班的事,那時您希望我長大能成為醫生,於是就決定「幫」我報名 童軍,讓我從中學習急救知識,但您卻沒有問過我的意願。

童軍的活動相當無聊,對我來說,我更嚮往在綠茵場上揮灑青春;對我來說,我更喜愛與同學一起一展歌喉。因此,我衷心希望您在為我做決定時,可以詢問及尊重我的意見。曾經我是尚未長出羽翼的鳥兒,需要父母的悉心教導,如今我已學會飛翔了,我擁有自主判斷的能力,我希望擁有自由的能力,去做自己想做的事。

您總是約束我的行動,我已經升上中學了,您還是把我當 小孩子一樣對待;難道我在您眼中仍是那般幼稚的模樣嗎?您 總是向我問東問西,甚至晚歸一點也要向您報告行蹤,可能在 您眼中那是無微不至的關心,我卻覺得那是對我的束縛。

學校生活中,同學在討論周末計劃要去哪裏,我卻顯得格格不入,我不能決定自己周末去哪裡。平時周末被困在家中,被迫一遍又一遍地看着沉悶的書本,但凡有一天能出門,我都會特別開心。所以,我十分羨慕同學們。因此,我希望您能給

予我真正的自由,我想做的事很多:我想和朋友出門、想在海邊感受涼爽的海風、在都市內到處穿梭,體驗人生百味……這些都需要您不再約束我才能做到,請您不要干涉我的私人生活,讓我做自己想做的事,我期望這樣的生活。我向您承諾,我會好好陪伴家人,不會荒廢學業。

我認為這種方式更能讓自己放鬆,中學的學業壓力很大, 我也需要緩解壓力。我需要的是自由,有了自由,我能認識更 多新事物,我能接觸到更多人,並從中學習。有了自由,我能 見識到外面的廣闊天地,我能肆意地描繪我的人生。我能兼顧 學業和生活,這種方式不會拖累學業,反而能增加學習效率。 我能得到更順心的生活,有時候給予子女多一點空間,子女反 而能得到更多新體驗,增長生活見聞。上述這些就是我想對您 說的,請您酌情考慮。

祝

身體健康

兒子

霍向華 上

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獎勵比懲罰更能教育一個人

3C 鄧穎詩

有人認為,「獎勵比懲罰更能教育一個人。」有人認為, 「棒下出孝子,嚴師出高徒。」與其用懲罰教育一人,但我較 為支持獎勵比懲罰更能教育一個人的說法。

首先,獎勵式的教學方法能激勵人們不斷嘗試,朝着成功 的光芒前進,例如,德國一名著名的科學家——奧比·海因里希· 瓦勃格,他能取得諾貝爾獎的原因,不外乎奧比父親對他的獎 勵式教育。他的父親樂於傾聽奧比的感受,不時給予奧比表揚 和讚賞,令奧比對科學的興趣大大提升,而愛上科學,為他日 後在科學領域取得重大成就鋪路。反觀,懲罰不能達成這效果, 不但不能激勵人們,還會令人們失去對學習某樣東西的興趣。 可見,獎勵比懲罰更能激勵人們前進。

其次,在教育人們的品德方面,獎勵式教育更是一個好方法。著名人民教育家陶行知當任校長時,因看到一個孩子拿磚頭準備砸向其他同學,便把這個同學叫到自己的辦公室裏,這個同學比陶行知還要早到辦公室,於是,陶行知便給了他一顆糖果,告訴學生是給他的獎勵,後來他又告訴這位同學,當他阻止這位同學時,同學就及時停止傷害同學,於是又再獎勵他一顆糖果,經過校長獎勵後,這位同學流下眼淚,很後悔地說:「校長,我錯了,我意識到我的錯誤了。」所以先讓人們感受你在尊重他們,並為他做的好事給予獎勵,就能幫助人向善。

有人說:「懲罰才能令人們更成功,並且更順從教育者。」 而亦有許多人以體罰等懲罰方式作為教育別人的方式。美國一 份整合分析研究指出,被體罰越嚴重的人,有越高的機率出現 反抗父母和表現出反社會等行為。由此可見,懲罰不但會影響 人們的心理健康,這些心理問題更會影響人們往後的生活。

懲罰和獎勵各有各的好,但懲罰所帶來的負面影響,卻是 需要用一輩子來治癒的。

有趣的竹籤

3C 李嘉晞

現今的玩具五花八門。精緻的、簡陋的、便宜的、昂貴的……可每當我拿着這些玩具玩的時候,總是感覺心裡空蕩蕩的,腦內是兒時的玩具。它比現在的玩具簡陋得多,卻令我比現在快樂得多。

小時候,家裡有一個供舅舅做手工的地方,我總會在旁邊 收集那些邊角料,把它們打磨一下,便是我的童年玩具——竹 籤。

起初的竹籤並不精良,有時打磨得不乾淨,上面便會有倒 勾。因此不能拿在手上。於是我們發明了一個玩法。把一紮竹 籤散在地上,每人輪流用手中的竹籤挑起地上的竹籤。這可要 萬分小心。若果使多於一根竹籤移動是會被淘汰的!遊戲結束 後誰竹籤最多,誰便是贏家。

到了我六歲那年,街頭處來了個燒烤攤。那些竹籤可就精 良得多了。把竹籤清洗乾淨,做一把橡皮槍和小伙伴來一場酣 暢淋灕的槍戰!後來,我更延伸出保護人質的方法。可以說這 是我人生中最快樂的時刻。如果不喜歡槍戰,還可以做後援。 這個位置可重要了,所有的新型槍都是靠他們研發的。

技術在進步,物質也要跟上。我們會召集一群人,去山上 挑竹子。那邊的竹子彈性更好,也更耐用。 到了夏天,竹籤又有新玩法。它可以是女孩蓋城堡的模具, 也可以是男孩的水槍。有槍又怎麼可以沒有標靶呢?那是個技 術活。先把竹籤削薄,再一圈一圈地繞城一個大圓形。在背後 加竹籤固定。這樣,一個標靶便大功告成了。

過了一段時間,不知為何再次興起了挑竹籤的遊戲。它和 以前不一樣。竹籤的頭尾兩端塗上了藍、黃、黑、紅等顏色。 用顏色來計分。甚至有專業的裝備來挑竹籤。儘管遊戲改變了 不少,但唯一不變的是伙伴。他們不會在失敗時怨天尤人,更 不會在勝利時驕傲自大。

時間會沖淡一切,也包括這濃厚的友誼。大家去到不同的 地方讀書,早已沒有了當初的休閒時間。童年的快樂真的只是 竹籤嗎?我想有趣的是竹籤,更是陪伴着我改良,試驗的伙伴。

再次相聚時,沒有了少年的豪邁。聊天的內容不再是玩耍, 而是錢賺得多不多?學業成績如何?

「欲買桂花同載酒,終不似,少年遊。」期望未來的某一 天,我們會再一次挑起地上的竹籤。

沒想到我竟然會在雜貨店重遇她

3C 李嘉晞

沒想到我竟然會在雜貨店重遇她——陳英秀,一個當年努力追夢的人。

早上,因家裡的紙巾快用完了,我只好下樓去買。冬天的 陽光總是遲到,今天也不例外。我靠着一閃一閃的街燈尋找着 開門的店舖。不一會兒,我的目光鎖定在巷尾的一間雜貨店。

「老闆娘,要兩排紙巾。」我對背對着,正忙着點貨的老闆娘說。她彎着腰,身穿着薄薄的、殘破的短袖,披着隨手拿的棉襖。短髮被她三兩下紮了個隨便的辮子。儘管他對自己很隨便,卻小心翼翼地數着貨品,絲毫不敢馬虎。她令我聯想起某個中學同學,但一時間記不起她的名字。

「欸!來了。」老闆娘響亮的聲音打破了我的思緒,我心中湧起一陣不滿。可定睛一看,這不就是我正努力回想的人嗎?陳英秀。在一瞬間,我和她都愣在原地。她用衣服擦了擦雙手,又重新紮了個辮子。這才走到我面前,指了指說道:「在那邊,自己去拿吧。正忙着呢!」她用着以前輕鬆的語調,可我卻聽見了她哽咽的聲音。

是從甚麼時候開始,我們的關係開始結冰的呢?

中學時,我們是人盡皆知的好朋友。整天形影不離,無話 不說。我們一起上學、上課、回家,甚至有時候她會來我家過 夜。這一切,在畢業當天被冰封起來。

還清楚記得畢業當天,我問她:「妳要去澳洲留學嗎?」 不怪我會這樣問她。當時澳洲醫學發達,而她從讀書時期開始 嘴邊就離不開醫學二字。可這天,她平靜得出奇。她拒絕了我 的提議,她說她要回家裡店舖幫忙。我很生氣,我氣她輕而易 舉地放棄多年的夢想,氣她不讀書,反而回家幫忙。我很了解 她,以往我只要堅持下去,她便會鬆口。

可是,我錯了。她說她很窮,別說出國,她連讀大學的錢都沒有。她弟弟確診癌症,她必須回家看店。她沒想到我會把她看成輕易放棄夢想的人。

這是第一次,也是最後一次吵架。

「我出去一趟,你把錢放收銀台就行。」陳英秀的聲音把 我拉回了現實。我去角落拿了兩排紙巾,走向收銀台。收銀台 上放着一支筆、一副眼鏡和一本醫書。她又怎麼會放棄理想呢? 她只是用她的方式努力。我看了看那本充滿筆記和翻頁痕跡的 書。從銀包裡拿了幾張紅色紙幣,拿那本書壓住,走出了店舖。

我回過頭,太陽從東方升起,下方是她的背影。她仍朝着她的光和夢想前進。陽光灑在她身上。那怎麼可能是殘破的短袖啊?那是她金黃色的戰袍!

再次重遇,她還是那個努力追夢的陳英秀。

獎勵比懲罰更能教育一個人

3C 陳子妍

教育從來都是一個引起很多討論的話題。有人認為懲罰可 令孩子長記性,但也有人認為獎勵比懲罰更能有效教育孩子, 例如心理學家史基納曾說:「正面的獎勵比懲罰有更好的反 應」,而我就認為一味的懲罰或獎勵並不是最好的教育方法。

或有人說獎勵不比懲罰更好嗎?懲罰不會令孩子有陰影嗎? 的確,一味的懲罰會觸發孩子的逆反心理,令孩子產生懼怕的 情緒。但一味的獎勵就是好的嗎?其實不見得。近年來,不斷 有學者或研究結果指出,獎勵會降低人自然的動機及愉悅感。 有一個研究,把一群喜愛畫畫的孩子聚在一起,研究人員付錢 請他們畫畫,久了之後,只要沒有獲得金錢,孩子們便會畫少 很多張畫。這便是心理學家所說的「過度辯證效應」了,這不 正正說明,一味的獎勵或懲罰並不能真正教育孩子嗎?

以東、西方的教育方式為例,西方的快樂教育,一味以獎勵,讚賞的教育方式教導孩子,這種方法受到很多人的讚賞。 但快樂教育真的有效果嗎?成效可見一斑。有數據顯示,在經歷快樂教育後的孩子,就業率比其他學校的孩子低,而且大部份都在從事中低端的工作,如送外賣、修路等工作。可見,一味的獎勵並不是最好的。但東方的應試教育,一味的壓迫,懲罰學生,給予巨大壓力,這樣做的結果是什麼?結果就是患上抑鬱症及自殺的學生數量大大提升。拿中國的學生為例,有超 半數的學生確診為抑鬱症患者,而五至十四歲兒童自殺死亡率 平均每年上升十個百分比,平均每一分鐘就有兩人因自殺死亡, 有八人自殺未遂。由此可見,只用懲罰或獎勵的教育模式,並 不能成功教育孩子。

社會上,也有很多例子反映出一味懲罰和獎勵,並不能教育孩子,甚至會帶來反效果。比較著名的,正是北京大學狀元 試母案,其中的主人公吳謝宇,因母親在他童年時實施高壓教育,用責罵、體罰等方式教育他,以致他痛恨母親,在考上母親強迫她上的大學後,有預謀,有計劃地殺害了她。由此可見,只有懲罰的教育方式並不是良計。

相反的,如果同時有獎勵和懲罰的教育方法,才能更好地 教導孩子。翻譯家傅雷和他的兒子都在自己的領域得到了認同, 這正是因為童年「獎」、「罰」兼施的原因,他們的母親會在 他們做錯時懲罰他們,也會在他們得到做好時獎勵他們,令他 們知道甚麼是該做,甚麼是不該做的,教導好他們,才能令他 們在各自的領域中閃閃發光。

獎勵和懲罰是相輔相成、唇齒相依的,缺一不可。過分的管教和懲罰會教出一個自卑、敏感的孩子;過分的獎勵會令孩子常常依賴人,不懂自力更生。教育就如種莊稼,孩子就如一顆顆種子,全都是有生命的,只要給予孩子們充分、合適的條件,才能培育出有活力,茁壯成長的植物。

3C 蘇嘉寶

親愛的爸媽:

這封信裡面是我期待擁有的東西,還有一些不太美好的經 歷。這也是我第一次向您們寫信。

我聽過您們和其他叔叔嬸嬸、七大姑八大姨所描述的,我和白興榮的出生和名字由來。您們說,白興榮是我們這一家的曙光、榮耀;白伍詠的「伍詠」是「無用」,您們總說白興榮是弟弟,是「重要的孩子」,我必須讓着他。可我就不是嗎?從小到大,「賠錢貨」,「無用」這些令人厭惡的、難聽的字眼充斥在我的耳邊。為甚麼白興榮是「掌上明珠」,而我是「賠錢貨」?就僅僅因為我比他早出生四分鐘?還是我是一個女孩?

我曾向您們說過我的理想和高中選科的問題,我想選物理、數學延伸、生物,我想做工程師,您們說沒有錢供我上大學讀書。我說過的,我到了那時我可以打工賺取學費,你們依舊回絕道:你一個女孩子,讀這些沒用的,這方面你比不上男孩子的。可是這根本沒有依據!我盡了我的所能,我渴求您們的認可和疼愛。我其實知道的,我暗中聽到過您們說要我讀完中三就輟學打工,工資用來扶助、支持白興榮的人生,供他買車買房,娶老婆用的彩禮錢等。白興榮好吃懶做,成績更可以說是一塌糊塗,但因為他是男孩,他受到了重視,集萬千寵愛於一

身。時代已經不同了,女孩子也可以創造出非凡的價值,您們 仍被迂腐的封建思想牽着鼻子走,寧願扶那「扶不起的阿斗」, 都要放棄那在旁努力的我!

我曾做過一場夢,夢見我的名字有美好的意境,好像叫「白燈瑩」。我的衣服很乾淨,沒有像現在一樣洗脫色,佈滿縫補的痕跡。衣服散發著洗衣粉的香氣,再也沒有人因為我的「一副窮酸樣」而欺負我,更沒有父母那句「蒼蠅不叮無縫的蛋,他們為何只欺負你而不欺負別人?」弟弟乖巧可愛,他十分懂事。不是那個乘父母寵愛聯手打壓我的白興榮。家人一碗水端平,公平公正地對待我們,也不會因為弟弟是男孩子而把絕大部分的金錢、資源以及愛都一邊倒向弟弟。您們也同樣重視我,無論是前路、學業、理想,還是我本身,您們都很關注。

以上也只是我的夢想。從小到大,我僅僅等待着一個重視 我的家庭。

祝

身體健康

愛您們的女兒

白伍詠 敬上

二零二三年十月十日

懲罰比獎勵更能教育一個人

3D 邱潤發

十年樹木,百年樹人。若把人比喻作一棵樹苗,那麼獎勵 在教育中的意義就如同肥料,持續不斷地供應營養支持樹枝野 蠻地生長,最後成為一棵凌亂的野樹。相反,懲罰就如同一把 利剪,在漫長的育人過程中剪去一切殘枝敗葉,使其得意卓立 地成長,最後成為一棵高聳入雲的參天巨木。

相傳在明道年間,有位神童名叫方仲永。他五歲時便能吟詩作畫,百姓紛紛以重金求取他的詩賦和畫作,又以賓客之禮招待方仲永,許多在外地的名門貴族也慕名而來。因此,方仲永收穫了許多讚揚和獎賞,他頓時就被數之不盡的金銀珠寶侵蝕了內心,他逐漸沉淪於紙醉金迷的生活,驕傲自滿,不思進取,最後也泯然眾人了。玉不琢不成器,所以縱使是上等的美玉,也需要雕琢。教育也是同理,獎勵固然能令人感到滿足,但一味地獎勵,只會令人驕傲,最後白白浪費本羨煞旁人的天賦,亦不能有效達到教育的目的。

戒尺之下出高徒,棍棒底下出孝子。宋朝抗金名將岳飛,教育兒子岳雲的方法也甚是嚴格。有一次,岳雲訓練時漫不經心,走馬觀花,不慎從戰馬上跌落,岳飛見後大怒道:「前驅大敵亦如此耶?」於是下令打岳雲一百軍棍。打完一百軍棍後,岳雲的背後早已血肉模糊,但同時他也明白了父親的一片苦心,於是他立志今後努力訓練,他日報效祖國。最後與父親一起帶

兵出征,在戰場上奮勇殺敵又屢立戰功,一舉擊潰了金軍,留 名千秋萬代。由此可見,懲罰令人明白是非對錯,更加可以鞭 策我們進步。

以科學的角度分析,趨利避害的生存方式已深深烙印在人類的基因中。人會本能地避開對自己有害的事物,當有害的事物無法避免時,人的大腦就會嘗試記錄那段痛苦的記憶。正所謂「吃一塹長一智」,如若再次遇到類似的情況,也能很快想到方法應對。因此痛苦比快樂更加令人刻骨銘心。正如人們或許很難明確記得蜂蜜那沁人的香甜,卻會永遠記得被蜜蜂叮咬時那難以忍受的痛楚!故此,以懲罰的手段,人為製造痛苦的記憶,能加深對過錯的印象,避免重蹈覆轍,有效達到了懲戒教育的目的。

其實,自古以來人類社會都是由懲罰制度組成的。犯法有代價,殺人要償命,在某種意義上,法律也是一種苛刻的懲罰制度。正因為有法律等懲罰制度規範人們的行為,人們害怕犯法後的懲罰,便不再有心觸犯法律,社會得以穩定運行。由此可見,懲罰可令人心生畏懼,有具有警示和規範世人奉公守法的效用。

總而言之,懲罰的效用是高於獎勵的。在教育過程,適當 的懲罰能使人進步,懲罰所帶來的壓力能起到震懾作用,從而 避免重蹈覆轍。因此,我認為懲罰比獎勵更能教育一個人。

期待並肩成長

3D 邱潤發

親愛的爸爸媽媽:

你們好嗎?

光陰似箭,歲月如梭,時光如白駒過隙匆匆而逝。轉眼間, 我們已共同度過了十幾個春秋。成長的路上總是坎坷不平的, 但幸好有你們悉心的照料,我才得以茁壯成長。回顧過往,每 當我經歷挫折而心灰意冷時,你們總會想方設法,盡你們的力 量為我盪平挫折,每當我感到迷惘而止步不前時,你們總會做 我的軍師替我出謀劃策,每當我陷入人生的泥潭而無法自拔時, 你們總是不顧一切地向我伸出援手,而我也在你們無微不至的 照顧之下,從一個襁褓中的嬰兒長成了一個意氣風發的少年。

親愛的爸爸媽媽,謝謝你們能與我並肩走完這快樂又短暫的童年時光。但現在的我,已然邁入了人生的分水嶺——青春期。我早已不是當初那個在你們懷中嗷嗷待哺的孩子了,我也不再需要你們細緻入微的照顧。也許是因為那些可惡荷爾蒙的緣故,我漸漸失去了對情緒的掌控,就如同千噸當量的炸藥,只需一絲火光就會爆發。體內的激素迫使我開始渴望成為獨立自主的大人,甚至變得叛逆……

猶記得那個微風細雨的午後,在經歷了期末測驗後,我已 然身心俱疲,於是約了三五好友一起看電影放鬆心情。不料, 臨出門時你們突然問我「跟誰看電影」,「去哪裏看電影」, 「看哪些電影」。面對這些無關緊要的問題,我有點煩厭,但 由於第一次約朋友看電影,不想遲到失了面子,於是便隨口敷 衍道:「你們不必知道。」大概就是這句無意的話,惹怒了你 們又或是傷了你們的心。我永遠記得那時的情景,只見你們皺 起了眉頭,臉上憤怒的表情再也藏不住,以一種居高臨下的姿 熊站着,雙眼透露出的威嚴使我不寒而慄。強大的壓迫感使我 不由自主地說出「對不起」,但你們好像並不打算放過我,而 是用一種比平日更加尖銳的語言向我襲來。也許是體內湧動的 荷爾蒙在作祟,又或是對能自由支配時間的極度渴望,心中竟 在那時燃起了憧憬自由的火苗。星星之火,可以燎原。即使我 知道你們也是為了我的安全着想,但對自由的追求最終也化成 了無情的野火盡情燒毀我們本親密無間的親子關係,我就像一 兀脫韁的野馬不斷對你們惡語相向,最後奮門而出冒着兩離開 了家。我一路狂奔到街道上,雨水夾雜着因過度激動而流下的 淚水從我臉上淌過,心中既有成功捍衛自由的喜悅,又有成功 卻無人可分享的空虛咸,可能這就是成長的滋味吧。

親愛的爸爸媽媽,就算用世上最華麗的詞也形容不了你們對我的愛,但可否在愛我之餘能給予我一些成長的空間和尊重,過度的愛只會變成溺愛,請把愛藏在心裏。即使是世上最高的山也不及你們的愛偉大,最長的河也不及你們的愛悠長,但可否不要再當我是一個長不大的孩子,請你們把我當成一個未長大的大人,給予我足夠的尊重,以平等的身份與我溝通,居高臨下的態度只會令我感到厭煩,有時適當放手給我空間也會令我成長。

祝

身體健康

兒子

邱向華 上

二零二三年一月一日

經過這一次活動,我終於戰勝了自己

4A 劉芷晴

經過這一次活動,我終於戰勝了自己。我慶幸自己有踏上 舞台的勇氣,令我幡然醒悟,原來踏出第一步並沒有那般困難。

在我的手掃過黑白分間的琴鍵之際,如流水般的琴聲輕輕 流淌於眾人的心弦上,琴聲時而節奏明快,如萬馬奔騰;時而 宏偉高調,如矗立高山。但頃刻間,我的指尖似脫韁的野馬般, 不聽使喚,把整首輕柔的樂曲變成了一首笨重,慌亂的恐怖樂 曲,令我再次驚慌失措,繼而嘆息不已。

從小,我便沒有十足的自信。被老師邀請上台朗誦時,因害怕失敗,或想掩蓋我的不自信,都會退避三舍;被繪畫老師讚賞並邀請我展示作品之時,我因害怕他人嚴厲挑剔的目光,也會搖頭拒絕。但其實,我並非沒有上進心,我十分想像台上閃閃生輝的那些「星星」一般,站在台上盡顯絕美姿態,有着十足的自信,但又不倨傲自滿,只想把自己努力成果展現給觀眾。

一天,我的生命被徹底改寫了。因為性格內斂,不像其他 同學般到處活蹦亂跳,也沒有三五知己能談天說地,於是我便 被父母安排學習鋼琴。只有彈琴時,我才是最輕鬆自在的。我 於學校音樂室練習鋼琴時,迴盪的美妙音韻令我醺然欲醉,我 正在享受着自己獨有的旋律。可能是音樂室的隔音門沒有徹底 關上的緣故,留了一個細小的縫隙,所以陳老師在走廊中停下了焦急的腳步,為我的琴聲而駐足。

陳老師走了進來,在我身旁默默停下。我因為正在閉眼享受着這優美的旋律,並沒有留意到身旁的她。一曲既畢,陳老師的鼓掌聲隨即起奏。我被突如其來的掌聲嚇了一跳,心跳隨即加速,眼裏盡顯疑惑慌張。「彈得非常不錯。」難得被人讚賞,那時的我是開心的,是滿足的。也許是基於老師的責任感,她隨即教導我。「這裏的節奏太快。」「這裏要小心!節奏要漸慢。」一開始,我還是戰戰兢兢的,但後來因越彈越好,我也漸漸放鬆。

教導過後,老師便想到甚麼似的,猛然詢問我:「你想試試參加學界鋼琴比賽嗎?以你的潛質,定會奪獎的!」正當我因技巧進步而想一口答應時,扁平的回憶像明信片般烙印在腦海裏,讓我慌忙拒絕。「老師知道你對自己沒有自信,所以才想藉這次機會讓你戰勝自己。別擔心,我會在你背後支持你,用心教導你的。」我回想起自己對鋼琴的熱愛,課業再忙也會抽空練習,再累也會靠着意志力撐下去,我也就答應了參加比賽。

練習之時,老師很盡責地把她的真知灼見都傳授於我,加 上我本來就不錯的鋼琴基礎,我竟然進步神速。為了克服上台 的恐懼,向來躲在房中的我,開始向父母演奏,請他們給予意 見,父母也訝異我的轉變。 比賽那天終於來臨,雖然內心慌亂,但我也憑着如流水般的彈奏令台下觀眾紛紛點頭。但我仍有着莫名的恐懼,我的雙手如裝了馬達般愈彈愈快,我焦急如熱鍋上的螞蟻,腦袋一陣熱。俗話說:「心急吃不了熱豆腐。」正從我身上反映出來。 瞥見裁判緊鎖的眉頭,緊攥的筆桿,停頓的手部動作,我便越發心急,甚至想着不如中途放棄罷了,反正我也無法奪獎。

於我喪失鬥志之時,練習時的片段如縷縷炊煙般從枯葉中 裊裊升起,浮上腦際……「彈錯時不用慌張,嘗試深呼吸,就 可跨過困難!」「不要緊,在失意或沒有動力之時,試想想父 母和我對你的無盡支持!」陳老師的一言一語、一舉一動都漸 漸浮現上來。她會主動關心我有沒有遇到困難,她會毫不吝嗇 地讚賞我。想到此際,我彷若有滔滔不絕的力量湧上心頭,我 不能讓辜負老師的教導。我迅速調節自己的情緒,回復剛開始 的穩定狀態。過後,我無驚無險地完成演奏。

下台時,我明白自己讓老師失望了,我甚至能感受到她的怒氣,為我花盡一個月的時間,換來的竟是如此不堪的演出。 我頓時面紅耳赤,羞愧不堪,便向老師道歉。我頭頂竟多出了一份重量,是老師的手所傳來的溫暖。「沒關係的,我在練習期間有看到你認真。並且,你也不算落敗了,因你從上台的那刻起,就徹底戰勝了那個以前的你!我很佩服你願意克服困難的勇氣,相信你也成長了不少。」我看着老師為我驕傲的神情,頓時腦子裏有數之不盡的想法噴湧而出,對啊!從我重新踏上舞台的那一刻,我不就已經戰勝了自己麼? 縱使這次比賽我只得了第六名,但我想,我的收穫遠比那個金光閃閃的獎杯更具份量,意義更加重大。

於人生漫漫長路上,或許荊棘滿途,或許你像我一樣對於 某件事存有恐懼,不想觸及那骸人的傷疤,但其實踏出舒適圈 並非如此困難,你身旁的家人、同學、老師都在給予你無盡的 力量,永遠支持你、包容你。不如嘗試勇敢向前邁出一步,或 許你便能戰勝恐懼、戰勝挫敗,戰勝自己,你會發現,原來外 而的天空是如此廣袤無垠,如此輕鬆自在,如此美好。 談起關愛,相信很多人都會聯想起關心別人,也可能會聯想到捐錢。其實,關愛是一種美德,表達出來的形式多樣。如果每一個人都擁有關愛之心,這個世界必定會更美好。

關愛可以今有需要的人得到幫助。每一個地方都有需要被 關心的人,可以是長者,可以是經濟環境不佳的家庭。而關愛, 正正就是他們得到幫助最重要的要素。關愛是發自內心的,當 一個人擁有關愛的心,他就會盡自己的能力去幫助更多的人。 例如北河燒臘飯店的東主兼廚師明哥,他盡一己之力與香港社 會組織協會合作推出「飯券」計劃,目的就是令基層市民或經 濟有困難的人士可以得到一餐溫飽。 他從不計較金錢的得失, 也不會計較任何利益,他只希望盡自己的能力,盡力關愛每一 個有需要的人。而另一個例子就是前美國總統林肯,他為了幫 助客人爭取權益,廢除了黑奴制度,解放所有黑奴。雖然這個 舉動極具風險,但他依然堅持為黑人爭取權益,最終今黑人和 白人都得到平等的待遇。回顧我們的社會之中,每一天都會遇 到需要被關心的人,我們可能沒有太留意,甚至沒有理會他們, 但如果每一個人都可以花多一點關注在這些人身上。這個社會 可能會有更多人受惠。所以,只要有着關爱,這個社會一定會 更美好。

關愛源於無私的心,甚至自我犧牲。人生而有四端,惻隱 之心人皆有之,推而廣之就是仁愛,世上總有些人不計較任何 回報, 甚至願意犧牲自己的所有去成就別人。例如沙士時期因 為救人而犧牲了的謝婉雯醫生。當時謝醫生自願到沙士病房工 作,她在工作時感染了沙十病毒,因為情況嚴重而要進入深切 治療部,可惜最後搶救無效,不幸逝世。謝醫生對病人的關心 絕對是無私的,她為了令更多病人得到救助,付出了自己的生 命。而過去亦有一個人,放下了安逸的生活,遠赴印度加爾各 答,一生留在貧民窟服侍,她就是德蘭修女。德蘭修女創立 「仁愛傳教修女會」照顧被遺棄的人,她亦不顧自己的安危親 身陪伴患有麻瘋病的病人。她悉心照顧每一位患者,令他們對 生命有希望。後來她獲頒發諾貝爾和平獎,竟捐出所有獎金作 慈善用途。願意這樣無私奉獻的人實在沒有幾多個,現今人們 **每做一件事時都會先考慮個人的利益得失,很難做到自我吃虧** 而讓他人得益。其實只要每個人都願意少一點計較,這個社會 必定會充滿溫暖。

當然,我們不一定要付出生命、捐贈資產才算得上是關愛。要做到關愛,我們大可以從日常生活的小事做起。例如,平日我們乘坐公共交通工具看到的關愛座。關愛座提醒我們要有禮讓的心,而讓座的對象可以是行動不便的人士,亦可以是孕婦。我們平時乘車時都會遇到很多需要被讓座的人,只要我們主動地讓座,這已經是關愛了。每個周末經過路上,我們也不妨停下腳步,有很多學生甚至長者,拿著小小的旗袋向我們招手,我們只需付出數塊錢,貼上一面「旗子」,背後也是象徵著我們對社會小小的關懷。人們總是覺得自己的能力有限,做不了

什麼,久而久之,本來的惻隱之心也漸漸冷落了。我們千萬不 要妄自菲薄,正所謂「莫以善小而不為」,因為它的結果已經 足以令有需要的人得到幫助,又或是溫暖著人的心。

總括而言,關愛的好處比我們想像中多,俗語說:「施比 受更為有福」,凡事只要多做一步,不要輕看每一個細微的行動,這個社會就會變得不一樣。希望人們都願意付出自己無私 的關愛,共同建造一個充滿愛的社會。 十多年後的今天,我再次注視這個重重上鎖的抽屜。上面 的鎖頭早已佈滿時光留下的銹痕,宛如在提醒我對父母那同樣 生鏽且腐朽的感情。我想打開它,手卻不聽話地抬不起來。我 凝視著這個伴我苦讀的抽屜,頓時思如泉湧,往事如縷縷坎煙 般在眼前重演。

在我還是懵懂無知的時候,我的父母在我的小腦袋裏彷如一隻張牙舞爪、凶神惡煞的怪物。他們平常的不苟言笑,嘴巴一張口便是數不盡的期望和督促,成為我在繁重學業上的一個沉重枷鎖。從幼兒園到中學,我從未經歷過同齡人的天真爛漫、肆意前進,被逼終日在同儕揮霍青春的年紀時,寒窗苦讀,只為考取一個亮麗的成績,脫穎而出,成為一個眾多莘莘學子都仰慕的醫科生。我的路,從一出生就被決定好了。

「我們只是為你好」、「你還小,不明白我們的用心良苦」,這些說話,像一把把的利刃插向我的心裏,大概父母只是不願讓我丟他們的臉而已。那些我從數之不盡的比賽之中奪得的獎狀以及校內成績優異而獲頒的獎學金,把我困在不斷學習的煉獄裏。我只好把這些對學習的憎恨、對父母的埋怨和對生活的厭惡發泄在我辛辛苦苦累績的獎項上。我背著父母,把大半部分的獎項塗污,又把一張又一張的獎狀撕成無數碎片。我端詳著眼前支離破碎的心,把它們拾起,埋葬在那個抽屜的

深處,內裏盛載了我在父母催谷之下終溢滿而瀉的痛苦和煎熬。 豆大的珍珠頓時涔涔而下,眼角似是滲和了幼細的沙粒,疼痛 感蔓延至全臉,我壓抑許久的情緒在剎那間終全釋放出來。

「嘟」,雜亂無章的回憶被突然打斷。

「女兒,我們實在是沒有辦法才致電你,你媽媽的病抵不住,復發了。你可以回家幫我們拿些日常用品到醫院嗎?我要留在醫院陪伴媽媽。」即使隔著手機,我也感受到父親忍不住顫抖的聲音。「我盡快趕來。」我佯裝鎮定地回應,生怕被父親發現我瑟瑟發抖的聲線。我掛斷電話,準備回家收拾用品。

我想,母親還是會安然無恙的,不是嗎?

我正在房間裏收拾物品,驀然發現書桌旁有個不起眼的小抽屜。啊,是那個伴了我十多年歲月的抽屜,我還記得抽屜裏有恆河沙數被我撕爛的獎狀和那本殘舊不堪的日記本。凝視著眼前的抽屜,撫摸着抽屜上生繡的鎖頭,我不由得鼻腔一酸,小時候心力交瘁和力不從心的感覺油然而生。我輕輕擦過臉上的淚珠,調節好自己的呼吸,按捺著悵然若失的感覺,收拾行裝前往醫院。

我怔怔地盯着榮榮弱質的母親躺在病床上,臉色蒼白,眼中還帶着好些血絲;一旁的父親來回踱步。醫院的白光投在父親上,把那亂蓬蓬的銀絲烙成白濛濛一片。髮越白,心越發絞痛。

「女兒,這是媽媽暈倒前給你熬的湯。」父親微笑著,把 保溫壺遞到我手中。原來,我不在的每個日與夜,那個女孩的 父母都在睽違她們的女兒回家?和父親噓寒問暖之間,我漸漸 回憶起無數零碎的片段。多少個夜晚我都忽略了母親溫柔的來 電?又有多少個冬天我丟棄了父親特意寄過來家裏的厚棉襖? 又有多少次我把母親送來公司的飯菜無情地丟到垃圾桶?

後悔在體內蔓延。因為自己的任性,讓我和父母許多個溫 馨的夜晚無聲地溜走。

回憶再度中斷,我再次注視著眼前的抽屜,好像被吸引著鬼迷心竅地打開抽屜,這次的鎖頭咔嚓一聲便被利落地打開了。那嚴閉的心幕隨著滑落的鎖頭一同被打開,積累已久的陰霾仿彿煙消雲散。我慢慢取出抽屜裏的日記和獎狀,把它們再次撕碎,宛如我的心房般,狠狠地崩塌了。從收到母親生病消息的那刻,我便明瞭,其實我已經不再怨恨父母了。小時候的怨恨,不過來自父母的督促和壓迫。他們不是不愛我,只是用錯方法而已。如今他們千方百計想補償我,我卻把他們的愛當作路邊的野花般,說丟就丟。

那個上鎖的抽屜好比緊閉內心的我,如今,抽屜被現在的 我打開了,我也釋懷了。時光沖走了怨恨,卻沖不走女兒對父 母那份深深的愛。

後天努力, 比先天優勢更重要

4B 文泳欣

每個人生下來便已經決定了先天的優劣。有的人天生就贏 在起跑線;有的人卻天資較為愚鈍。那麼缺乏天賦的人就注定 輸在起跑點,永遠追不上天資聰穎的人嗎?世上無難事,只要 肯登攀。只要我們通過後天努力,成功與否便不再任由天賦擺 佈,而是掌握在自己手中。因此後天努力比先天優勢,更有其 重要性。

即使沒有得到上天眷顧,沒有過人的先天優勢,但後天努力以能使人活出不一樣的自我,彌補先天缺陷。天賦決定了人的起點,但努力才是決定人上限的關鍵。假如天賦是貧瘠的土地,那後天努力便是將其變成沃土的過程,使其也能種中出朵朵鮮花。改變不了環境那就改變自己;改變不了事實,那就改變態度。知名的基督教佈道家力克·胡哲也是靠後天努力才有如今成就,力克患有先天性四肢切斷症候群,天生失去四肢的他被欺負過,被嘲笑過。毫無疑問地,他並沒有得到上天的祝福,沒有任何先天優勢,但他憑着堅毅的意志和努力學習戰勝了各種挑戰,跨越了各種困難,使他成為「無肢佈道家」的組織創辦人,到處演講,以親身見證和生活意志激勵着世界。可見後天努力能使人活出精彩自我,不被局限於先天的不足。「寶劍鋒從磨礪出,梅花香自苦寒來」,寶劍銳利的刀鋒是從不斷的磨礪中得到,挨過寒冷冬季的梅花更加幽香,兩者一開始都只是一塊鐵,或是一顆種子,就像沒有得到上天眷顧的人,

看起來也是毫不起眼。但只要經過不斷的努力,修煉、打磨, 克服困難,就能得到一把利鋒,長成一棵暗香疏影,活出自己 的人生。唇讀狀元曾芷君也是靠着不屈不撓的精神才有出色的 成績。失去人體五感中視、聽與觸覺的她承受着平常人不能接 受的缺陷。她努力不懈地多年靠唇讀來讀書,在文憑試考獲了 五科等級五或以上的佳績,「吻」出了屬於自己的青雲路。由 此可見,即使不是天選之人,沒有先天優越,靠着後天努力也 能彌補不足,得到出色的成就。

只有先天優勢,卻沒有後天努力,不將其靈活地運用,天 賦就只能是一種潛力,不能發揮作用。在茫茫沙漠中,唯有努 力前進的腳步才是希望的象徵。堅定不移地去探索自己的天賦 之處,也就能在沙漠中找到沙海明珠,在生命中找到天賦的歸 屬,也就能緊緊抓住天賦的影子,發揮出不朽的稟賦。鳥兒, 天生具備飛翔能力。鷹之所以能在高空自由盤旋,是因為有足 夠的毅力。鷹小時候會被推下懸崖峭壁,必須涌禍自我不斷嘗 試,努力拍打雙翼,才能把「翱翔」這項鳥類獨有的天性運用 得靈敏。由此可見,只有優異的先天條件是遠遠不足以構成顯 赫的成果,百折不撓才是把潛力發展成天賦的契機。天賦只是 開始,努力才是真正的關鍵。天賦猶如一捆柴木,假如要把它 生成一把火焰,努力就是將它點燃的力量。只有捅禍不斷投入, 火焰才能能能燃燒,散發光熱和能量。假如沒有辛勤,柴木永 遠都不能生火,不能發揮功用,最後變成枯枝。古代神童方仲 永便是不懂得運用自己的優勢,落得與普通人無異的下場。方 仲永年紀小小就會寫詩,而且辭趣翩翩,妙筆生花,令人讚嘆 不已。但是有才華的他卻沒有好好讀書,沒有再去探索和強修, 不加發奮,因此才華日漸退步,天賦最終也就灰飛煙滅了。可 見只得到先天優勢,卻不加努力去應用自己的能力,所謂的優 勢也只是潛質罷了。

可是有人認為:「只有先天優勢便足夠,何需加上後天努 力?」我倒認為若失去後天努力,成功便只是那一剎的光輝燦 爛,不能持久。天賦是一面鏡子,晶瑩剔透,銀光閃閃。但當 它變得粗糙模糊,需要的不是片面的擦拭,而是需要努力磨亮 這塊鏡子的工具,才能展現出長久的光芒。瑞諾思創始人霍姆 斯便是只依靠先天優勢忽略後天努力,導致其公司衰落。霍姆 斯靠着她天才般的口才和能力,使公司獲得了高額的投資。可 惜她沒有努力去深入了解醫學和科學領域,沒有去理解技術的 可行性和風險,發有發現技術並不可靠,最終被揭發欺詐行為, **導致公司破產和引起法律訴訟,名聲也一落千丈了。可見沒有** 努力在背後默默付出,眼前看似奪目的成就,只不過是如夢似 幻,華而不實。著名的互聯網「網易」創始人丁磊自小便在計 算機科學和互聯網領域有着良好的天賦,使他能很快地理解和 應用最新技術。但他沒有止步於此,通過自己後天的努力求學, 深入瞭解網絡科技背後的利弊及不同發展方向,成功將「網易」 發展成中國最大的互聯網公司之一。由此可見,缺乏努力,得 到的只會是過眼雲煙,只有不斷付出奮進,才能讓碩果香氣滿 溢。

人的一生不是取決於天賦的好壞,而是你願不願意去努力。 後天努力的影響可以很大,能深遠影響一個人的成就得失。假 如沒有努力,不毛之地永遠不能種出鮮花,鳥兒未必能展翅高 飛,成功仿如曇花一現。也許並非資優的我們正走在黑暗夜路中,以為人生永沒有光彩,但努力揮動你的雙手,撥開雲霧吧! 那將會是個艷陽天。

讀萬卷書,行萬里路

5A 陳臻鎣

古人言道:「讀萬卷書,行萬里路。」當今之世,人們為 這句話添上了一組帶有轉折意味的關聯詞,變成「與其讀萬卷 書,不如行萬里路」,與其拘於文字的束縛和框架,不如離開 窗口,遙望遠處的風光,踏出探索的路程。於我而言,讀書和 行路,分明都是人生路上該共同經歷、相互成就的。

讀萬卷書,是種子生根發芽,是房子的根基,是不分年代、 隨時隨地都啟發着人類思想和塑造靈魂的基礎。翻過一頁,作 者筆下的哲學、藝術、科學、文化,方方面面都收入囊中。通 過與作者的時空交流,通過書本躺入歷史長河,攜同精神遊歷 世界,每一頁字跡都蘊藏智慧和奧秘,容納世界的廣泛和未知。 詩人杜甫曾提筆:「讀書破萬卷,下筆如有神。」博覽群書, 使得滿腹墨水,那麼提起筆來,便能文思泉湧,似有神助般暢 達。其中「破」一字,即意味胸羅萬卷,又意味讀書至書破, 更意味參透書籍其中蘊藏的道理。閱讀是寫作的基礎,它慢慢 建立起對文學創作的認知,使種子受知識滋潤、栽培,從而賦 予了寫作的靈感,構造其中的豐富內涵和思想。讀了萬卷書, 下筆也會顯得格外悠然自如,诵禍吸納各方面的想法,讓空殼 軀體得以建造出獨特的、富有意義的態度和思想。與此同時, 杜甫讓我們走進歷史醉生夢死和飢寒交迫反差的「朱門酒肉臭, 路有凍死骨」,也看遍鴻運闊大,境界恢宏的「星垂平野闊, 月湧大江流」。隨意道「落霞與孤鶩齊飛」,便應着「秋水共

長天一色」,詩人黃勃用四個景象勾勒出了一幅寧靜致遠的畫面,讓我們從文字看見世界,在描繪得生動美麗的景象中沉醉。透過文字,便能領略世間的美妙,啟發我們對於自然的思考和嚮往。文字亦警醒了我們「莫等閒,白了少年頭,空悲切」,提醒人們不要空空將青春消磨殆盡,等到年老時徒自悲切,從中得到的不僅是歷史的深遠和價值,也有該學習的道理,為人們的思想變化和感染提供橋樑。讀萬卷書,深刻地體會到文字的擲地有聲和震聾發聵。

走萬里路,是花兒綻放、繁花錦簇,是帶領人們領略世界 每一寸十地的芬芳和故事,從而讓新知洴發的徑道。推開門的 把手,雙眸望眼,切身感受這個世界的無垠,去探索從未發現 的、從未注意到的角落。腦裏閃出的靈光,雙眼睜大的訝異, 這都是路上所遇新知在向自己傳達訊息。有位行者,少年時便 有了「大丈夫當朝碧海而暮蒼梧」的志向。二十二歲的徐霞客, 頭戴遠遊冠,身背簡樸行囊,離開故鄉,踏上成為行者的道路。 從此,他的人生大多數時間都漂泊在路途中,足跡遍佈了許多 角落。每到一處,他都記錄當地的地貌特徵、風土人情、動物 植物,雙腳便也成為了走遍祖國大好河山的工具。他用了三十 餘年,把漂泊的每一寸土地、每一處風光、每一片地貌編成了 一本遊記。走在路上,目光所及之處變成了風景,人生的視野 從屋子裏的窗口,延伸至世界的無邊無際,切身體會這個世界 的輝煌和變遷,將自己融入世界所創造的一切奧秘。常謂不能 夠「紙上談兵」,如同陸游落筆:「紙上得來終覺淺,絕知此 事要躬行。」他認為書本上的知識終歸是淺薄的,未能使人理 解知識的直諦。而要直正理解書中的深刻道理,必須親自去實

踐,方能學有所成。想起書中描述的泰山,看着實在宏偉壯觀,可一旦親臨其境,感受又會是如何呢?爬上了山,趕上了日出,呈現在眼前的是旭日東升,大氣廟宇。五月的泰山海棠花綻放,絢麗花海為泰山裝扮得艷麗。書本上的記載,遠遠不及設身處地的體驗。當仍面吹來草木的芬芳,當陽光灑在身體上,投射出台階上斑駁婆娑的樹影和摩肩擦踵的影子,才真正使人感受到行萬里路的魅力,真切地和世界融合,被世界感染着。

讀萬卷書,行萬里路,是花兒萌芽而後盛開,是房子穩固 得不怕風吹雨打,是將舊識和新知融合,創造出新鮮又熱烈的 靈魂和生命。我們讀書,然後踏上旅途,如同我們聽見撒哈拉 沙漠的特色,然後親臨其境,撫摸沙漠的細沙乾土,目睹沙漠 的廣闊無垠, 感受極端難適的日夜溫差, 依着文字敘述, 看見 一個熟悉也全面的世界。東方醫學巨典《本草綱目》拯救無數 人的生命,是李時珍歷經二十七載寒暑完成的醫藥典籍。在發 現已有醫藥書中存在謬誤後,他一邊蒐集大量藥材資料,一邊 展開考察。無論是杳無人煙的深山,還是深不見底的沼澤,只 要有需要的藥材,他都不畏艱難。他更不惜以身試藥,嘗遍百 草,才使得狺浸绣他心血的曠世巨著面世。李時珍在醫書的世 界裏堅定了學醫的志向,亦走遍各地,費盡心思和時間獲取藥 材資料。讀書,而後把書中知識實踐;行路,又從路途中獲取 新的知識,推翻錯誤的認知,建立新的思想和內涵,終為萬千 大眾帶來新生和希望。司馬遷書寫史書《史記》,亦記載了一 段不凡的征程。司馬遷從小就受到良好的文化薰陶,在當時的 國都學習經書和史學,諳熟當時的古文經學和今文經學理論。 二十歲始,他便遍地推行有目的的遊覽考察。他北過齊魯,到

了孔老夫子的故鄉曲阜,體察聖人之遺風,也曾奉命出征西南夷,涉過巴山蜀水,一直深入到雲南腹地而返。由此,他親身接觸和感受當時的社會情況,深刻地認識下層勞動人民的政府,為撰寫《史記》體會詳實可靠的歷史和現實。司馬遷讀過萬卷書,走了萬里路,撰成蘊含治國理政的珍貴經驗的巨著,在中國文明史上做出了傑出的貢獻。讀萬卷書,為我們的思想和知識奠定基礎,讓我們通過文字和紀錄看遍時空倒轉,如穿梭時空般探索世界的奧秘和奇幻,而行萬里路印證了所有的事實,推翻了所有的謬誤,轉化所有的幻想成為現實。他們共同讓思想達到新的高度,創造新的現實,是密不可分的。

齊白石言道:「一息尚存書要讀。」與此同時,我們該曉得「枝頭好鳥皆朋友,落花水面皆文章」,不僅讀萬卷書,也要行萬里路。在書裏,我們活到老,學到老,提升思想的內涵,而抬眼遠眺,亦能靜觀萬物。開卷之餘,望遍所處的世界,所及的風景和遍地撒下的月光,昇華着靈魂,豐富着旅程。

讀萬卷書, 行萬里路

5A 尹希雋

常聽到有人說:「與其讀萬卷書,不如行萬里路。」這句 大家耳熟能詳的諺語以行萬里路否定了讀萬卷書的好處。行萬 里路固然有它的好,但這樣徹底否定讀萬卷書的好處顯然過於 魯莽。在我看來,兩者都極為重要,甚至可以算是相輔相成, 缺一不可。

讀萬卷書是獲取知識的捷徑,是開拓廣闊視野的鑰匙。書 本種類多樣,有了書本,不論我們身在何處,都能吸收各種書 本中豐富多樣的知識。談到達文西,各位第一時間所想到的應 該就是《蒙羅麗莎》。其實達文西除了是一位畫家,亦是著名 的科學家。鮮為人知的是,他也是一位閱讀愛好者,閱讀過折 二千本的科學和宗教書籍,這些書籍為他帶來了洋溢的才華。 他獲得在建築、物理、數學、宗教等不同領域的重要成就,所 讀的萬卷書功不可沒。而在我國亦有一位讀書萬卷的人,他就 是作家魯迅。他愛好閱讀新思想的翻譯書本,晚上閱讀疲憊時, 他會摘下辣椒放到自己嘴裏以保持清醒,堅持讀書。他咀嚼、 消化書本中的內容,培養了開放的思想,為日後中國的新思潮 和五四運動作出貢獻。魯汛诱禍閱讀海外書籍,讓自己得以在 國人故步自封的氛圍下開闊眼界,除去舊有保守的思維而培養 開放的價值觀。書本是知識的泉源,取之不盡,用之不竭。要 學習不同知識和開拓自身視野,閱讀書本會是最為行之有效的 途徑。

行萬里路是通向未知的大門,是探索新知的必經之路。書中固有無窮知識,但要發掘未知,經歷新知,行萬里路就不可缺少。著名的航海家達爾文年輕時到處遊歷,探索不同的動物物種,研究不同的化石。及後他在觀察到的化石和動物的特徵上,提出了現今仍被科學界所推崇的「進化論」。這些旅途中獲得的經驗是書本難以提供的,亦正是這些寶貴的經驗造就了他去提出當時嶄新的論述。另外《本草綱目》的作者李時珍在編寫該書時就走上了萬里路,經過大江南北、江西廬山、江蘇茅山,到過安徽、河南、湖北等地採摘藥物,路途上訪問過種田、捕魚、打獵的人。透過在行程中的所見所聞,李時珍得以了解到上千種不同藥材的功效,繼而編成了《本草綱目》這本巨著。當時坊間已有不同記載藥材的書籍,只有李時珍根據書上所記載藥材的出處實地走訪、訪問、測試,他才得出藥效配方。要獲得親身的經驗,行萬里路不可或缺。

而在現今社會,讀萬卷書和行萬里路兩者正相輔相成。讀 萬卷書能讓我們快速地了解不同範疇的知識和資訊,現今的學 生亦正透過書本獲取不同科目的知識。現代有了互聯網,電子 書的出現降低了通過閱讀獲取知識的成本,所得到的資訊亦更 多樣化,更為貼近時事。要在現今高競爭力的社會中脫穎而出, 透過讀萬卷書去理解不同領域的知識變得越發重要。然而,當 今世代轉變急速,資訊爆炸,通過閱讀所獲得的資訊可能瞬間 已經過時,不再適用;另一方面,我們亦難以去辨別不同書本 的真實性,這時候,行萬里路就甚為重要了。通過實地去觀察, 去驗證我們所知道的真偽,打破一些流行而不真實的傳言,例 如對某些特定人群的刻板印象等。行萬里路是我們探求真相的 途徑,讓我們在這世代獲得豐富資訊的同時,確保我們所知的 都準確無誤,幫助我們摒棄不準確的資訊。行萬里路、讀萬卷 書,兩者在現今社會都各有作用,缺一不可。

總而言之,讀萬卷書和行萬里路各自為我們帶來不同的益處,讀萬卷書為我們開闊眼界,行萬里路讓我們經歷實踐,對我們提升自我都極為重要。我們需要好好利用兩者,才能讓我們真實了解不同範疇的資訊。因此,「讀萬卷書,行萬里路」,我們並不需要二擇其一。

夢想是什麼?夢想就是高高掛在天上的彩虹,對我們而言是夢幻美好的、是遙遠的,是我們心中一直嚮往和渴求得到的。夢想更是一種聲音,如百靈鳥般悅耳,亦充滿力量,聽得讓人熱血沸騰,想沉醉其中。這把聲音常常都會縈繞在我們耳邊,輕輕地呼喚着我們,給予我們積極向上的動力。可是當遇上現今功利主義的社會時,這把聲音便會隨着人們的年紀增長而逐漸模糊,輕易被這個充滿競爭與壓力的現實生活所淹蓋,以致有人會認為這把聲音不切實際,甚至會為了迎合現實,而選擇閉塞自己的耳朵,扼殺這把聲音的存在。但其實夢想與現實之間並不掛鉤,惟心懷夢想之期盼,局負現實之責任,生命因而變精彩,因而綻放光芒。

夢想是一把洪亮的聲音,在我們生活中打滾不知方向時, 大聲呼喊,引導我們前行。著名台灣作家三毛有句經典語錄: 「一個人至少要有一個夢想,有一個理由堅強,心若沒有棲息 的地方,走哪裡都是流浪。」沒錯,夢想如茫茫大海中的燈塔, 為迷失的船航引導方向。成長之路上,我們難免會因為對未來 的路感到迷茫和無助,因而延滯我們前行的步伐,而夢想的意 義在於給予人清晰的人生方向。當我們心懷夢想,便能在它的 呼喊下,追逐它的聲音,得以看清前路,得以擊破迷惘,最終 到達我們所嚮往的遠方。 夢想是一把熱烈的聲音,呼喊着我們的靈魂,賜我們奮勇 向前的勇氣和力量。當人有了夢想,就會因為自己對未來的憧 憬、對世界的探索和對自我價值的追求而有了期盼和奮鬥的動 力。劉備在漢末時期雖然只是織席編屢出身,但心中懷着匡扶 漢室的夢想,因而努力上進,後來得到了周瑜「非池中物」的 讚嘆。可見世上並非每個人都出生於羅馬之上,總會有不同現 實層面限制,如物質條件,以致使人不敢輕易追夢。當我們對 前方的種種不確定因素感到徬徨無助,對自己的能力感到質疑 和不自信,對選擇的人生方向猶豫不決而不敢前行時,夢想就 像朋友激勵、認可我們,堅定告訴我們「別害怕,盡情地向前 行吧!我會與你並肩作戰的」。我們因此能順應夢想的聲音而 變得鬥志滿滿的,不再停滯不前,從而能在前往夢想目的地的 過程中取得收穫。

夢想是一把柔細的聲音,作人們拼命灑汗時的安慰和鼓勵。 人為了信念而堅持不懈地行動付出去追夢,而在這整個過程中, 我們難免會遇上挫敗,這使我們感到氣餒,打擊我們的自信心, 使我們陷入情緒內耗的漩渦中,但夢想總會如社工般開解我們。 因為有夢,從經營燒烤攤一步步走向國際賽場的中國自由式滑 雪隊隊員徐夢桃,戰勝了一次次的傷病和失利,最終在北京冬 奧會取得冠軍;因為有夢,羽生結弦吞忍了不少病傷的痛楚和 外界語言的傷害,從蹣跚幼童一步步努力成長為冬奧會花樣滑 冰冠軍的王者。追夢的過程是孤獨的、是跌宕起伏的,與夢想 的對話便是我們冒着風雨獨自奮鬥的依靠。夢想是在夜深人靜 時心中浮起那溫柔的聲線,安撫我們的情緒,慰問我們的傷痛, 平息我們內心的氣餒,喚起我們向陽而生的勇氣、堅持到底的信念,直到成功為止。

可是現實生活就像囚獄一樣束縛着我們,消滅我們追夢的 決心,以致有的人認為夢想只不過是一個自欺欺人的現象,對 着現實的鏡子顧影自憐而已,對於平凡人,它根本觸手不及。 不可置疑,追尋夢想的過程是需要時間、精力、一定的物質條 件,而現實的殘酷往往總能屏蔽掉夢想的呼喚,使我們屈身於 深淵泥潭裡嘆息,但只是我們把夢想看得太遠大和理想化,抱 着消極的心態去看待它。夢想的呼喚並不是虛無縹緲,它是我 們對美好生活的期盼,對未來前行的激勵,是支撐我們活下去 的理由。司馬遷若沒有夢想,又怎能忍受身陷牢獄的現實之辱, 發憤著書而成就《史記》?所以雖然生活眼前苟且,但擁有夢 想是任何人的權利。現實和夢想兩者是互相依存的,現實因夢 想的呼喚而擁有希望,夢想因現實我們向它努力的回應而更有 價值。即使有現實的限制和束縛,我們仍能心懷詩和遠方,用 自己最大的能力去實現願望,從一些小目標中,腳踏實地去往 那個方向前行,途中總能有不錯的收穫,從而發掘到生命之美。

總括而言,夢想是對現實的指引和激勵,現實是對夢想的 實踐與奠基。我們的生命是由夢想與現實構成的。在夢想中, 我們能夠吸取到勵志的力量;在現實中,我們亦能夠通過努力 前行去回應呼喚着我們的夢想。但緊記要樹立良好的心態,夢 想雖美好,但若脫離現實,一切只想空想。只有認清現實和自 己,勇於承擔責任,才有生活的期盼,光芒和美好才會充斥著 我們,人生因而更有意義。所以當夢想呼喚着我們,不必逃避, 盡自己所能大膽地聽從並回應它吧!

一次五味雜陳的參觀

5B 陳靖琳

我從來沒想過戰爭是多麼的可怕。

在中學修讀世界歷史的我,懵懵懂懂的只對戰爭感興趣。 「戰爭真的很有趣!學習第一、二次世界大戰真是人生的樂 趣。」無知的我,認為戰爭只是有趣的課題,距離我們又是多 麼的遙遠。但我又何嘗想過戰爭是人類的悲劇,會喪失多少的 人命,多少人會流離失所,傷心欲絕?

「一心,既然你這麼熱愛戰爭,學校舉辦了參觀紅十字會主辦的『戰區 90』活動,你應好好把握這一次參觀機會。」就這樣,老師的邀請讓我興奮不已,期盼能認識更多有關戰爭的事情。卻沒想到,正是這次的參觀,像條麻繩纏繞着我的思緒,亦撥動了我不同情緒的弦線,嘗到各樣滋味。

參觀當日,我興高采烈地哼着小曲,蹦蹦跳跳地踏進「戰區 90」的場內。我與一班同學走進第一個展區,大門關上,燈光頓時熄滅,四周漆黑一片。房間裏開始播放一段戰爭的片段,片段中有許多小孩子。他們哭喪着臉,眉頭緊皺,臉上沾上灰,衣服殘破不堪,住在烏煙瘴氣的瓦礫中。這一幕幕的影像,映入我的眼簾中。原本與朋友還有說有笑的我,看到片段時卻沉默了,心情無比的沉重。小孩子身處戰亂中,他們的神情如此

悲傷,到底他們經歷了什麼?家庭破碎、生離死別,還是生活 流離失所?

月段在我思緒還未整理好時便完結了,於是我們帶着沉重的心情進入到第二個展區。展區的工作人員需要我們的配合,我們扮演着戰區中的學生,有工作人員扮演老師。老師一臉嚴肅地跟我們說:「你們回家時需要小心,到處都是士兵,要小心安全。」話語剛落,我們突然聽到震耳欲聾的巨響。「隆!」一一是我們的學校受到攻擊。工作人員要求我們躲在桌下,手放在頭上,士兵也隨之進來。多麼逼真的場境,讓我彷如置身於戰亂中,我的心停止了。大家的呼吸聲也止住了,不敢發出一點聲音,生怕小命不保。原來,戰爭會令人心驚膽顫。房間內只剩下士兵凌亂的腳步聲和炮彈聲,嚇得我的腳抖個不停。

一聲喝斥打破了沉默。士兵強迫我們從桌下起來排隊。結果,我們一個接一個地走到第三個展區。這個展區是訓練士兵的地方。我們每人分配到一枝槍和一件單薄的防彈衣,設備是多麼的簡陋。忽然,我聽到刺耳又響亮的斥責聲。「你叫什麼名字!」我慢慢抬頭來,看見官長正對我說話,語氣極其嚴厲。「李……一心……」我害怕得顫顫抖抖地吐出我的名字。「李一心,你知不知道你把防彈衣穿反了!你再這樣,我就把你炸成炮灰!」這些話把我嚇得眼淚都快要流下。所謂的「訓練」只不過是虐待兒童,把兒童的生命當作糞土,還說些傷人的說話,再這樣可以把他們告上法庭了。可是,誰又會想到戰亂中的兒童根本沒有資格保護自己的權益?他們沒有反對當兵的機會,只能服從,因他們連生存也困難,更何況爭取自己的權益?

在世界各地的兒童都主張人權時,戰亂中國家的兒童只是在絕 處中努力尋找空間生存,生存也變成值得慶幸的事。幸福的我, 被苛責了一兩句,便害怕得發抖,如果有天需面對大炮,該如 何是好呢?

「訓練」了一段時間,士兵帶領我們離開了展區,回到了當初集合的位置。我終於能夠鬆一口氣了。整個展館的參觀時間是九十分鐘,我的心情卻不只於九十種。一開始歡歡喜喜,抱着期待走進來。看過了整個展館時卻一言不發。並不是展館不合乎我的期望,我確實對戰爭了解更多。我的沉默,是我對戰亂中孩子的一份同情,一份可憐。他們年紀輕輕便需要經歷生離死別,過着被虐待、居無定所的生活。我的沉默,是我對戰爭的反對。世界的強國紛紛主張擴張主權,因利益紛爭發動戰爭,輕看民眾的生命,以民眾的人權為冀土。我的沉默,亦是我對自己擁有的一切感到慶幸和感恩,明白到一切不是必然的,能生存在世也並非必然。「戰區 90」讓我體會到戰亂兒童的經歷,明白到戰爭的可怕。

參觀後的各種思緒纏繞着我,把我緊緊勒着,使我喘不過氣來,整整三天三夜。想得到解放的方法,並不是睡個好覺,因醒來時戰爭仍在發生,並不會改變。我們可以的是踏出第一步,推動世界和平。在社會媒體上推廣和平的訊息,讓朋友和其他人看見戰亂兒童的景況,讓他們明白到戰爭的殘酷。我亦漸漸明白學習世界歷史和戰爭的意義——警戒世人戰爭的可怕,避免重蹈覆轍。

當我抬起頭,看着晴空萬里,我的心情亦沒有因此得到愉悅。唉!何時戰亂中的兒童也能與我一同觀看這麼美的天空,而不是在一片狼藉、煙霧彌漫的戰火中,只知逃命,連花一秒觀賞天空的時間也沒有呢?但我堅信,所有小孩子也值得一片萬里無雲的天空,讓他們隨心所欲,無憂無慮地塗鴉,畫上無限的可能性。他們也值得擁有快樂和幸福。何時,所有孩子才能擁有這片淨土呢?

一次五味雜陳的參觀

5B 黃海昕

窗外滂沱大雨,酒店房間內一片寂靜。經過一日的參觀, 我已筋疲力盡,拖着疲勞的身驅躺在床上,閉上滿布紅絲的雙 眼,不自覺地回憶起今天所發生的事,心裡不是滋味的……

赤焰當空,我對接下來的參觀活動興致勃勃,這是我剔除 了其他景點,慕名而來的。

可是,當我站在侵華日軍南京大屠殺遇難同胞紀念館前, 所有歡暢轉瞬即逝,悲涼的巨浪湧進我心頭。眼前有一座座栩 栩如生的雕塑,神態各異,無聲中滲透了一股痛不欲生的吶喊, 我被此場景震懾在原地。映入眼簾的一面黑色牆壁是災難之牆, 牆面上有多種語言標識着「遇難者 300000」,表達「三十萬同 胞遇難」之意。十字紀念碑在旁巍然聳立,充斥著對當時戰亂 的悲憤交加。天上霎時灰茫茫一片,彷彿剛才陽光明媚的天空 只是我被興奮的心情衝昏頭腦所生的幻覺,溫度驟然下降了幾 度。我掃視幾圈,發現每個人臉上都不約而同地收斂了笑容, 氣氛有些沉重讓人有點兒手足無措,我趕緊走進館內,逃出這 壓抑的氣氛。

懷着忐忑的心走到展廳中,館內展陳了數不盡的文物,包 括歷史相片、日軍使用的軍用品等。每端詳一件文物,我的眉 頭便加上幾分皺褶。其中最讓人印象深刻的主題非「日軍在南 京的姦淫與掠奪」莫屬了。各種文物呈當時日軍的不堪行為與女性的無助和無望,她們在相片及影片中黯然無神,透露出一絲放棄抵抗的氣息。我怔怔地看着前方,腦呈一片空白,我無法以言語表達當時的心情,也難以想像人性居然有這麼黑暗的一面。正當我兩眼發愣地到處遊走時,眼前出現了一處讓我發毛的陳列……

二百二十七副骸骨在「萬人坑」裡存放,一副副觸目驚心的骸骨撞入我眼中,原以為只是想營造出駭人的氛圍而用的假骨,結果展品簡介稱經專家進行考古和史學鑒定後,確定這是南京大屠殺遇難者遺骸。知道這些骸骨是確確實實的「真貨」後,猶如有人在我身邊吹氣,嚇得我汗毛直豎。難以想像回溯幾十多年前有二百多副屍體被日軍殺害,並埋葬在此處,血淋淋的畫面讓人不禁疑惑,人何時變得如此殘忍,自相殘殺?

驀然雷聲大作,心猛的一跳,內心調侃着今天天氣如此多變。視野之內,一個彪形大漢用着陌生的語言高喊,語氣異常、談鋒甚健,像是在破口大罵。他走路搖搖晃晃,還不時對着一些展品指手劃腳。懷着看熱鬧的心,我跟着他參觀,一路走到最初的起點,定睛一看,他正對着一座呈痛苦掙扎的雕塑背後奮力地踢一腳,好像有諸多仇恨一般。我如同一杯酒遇上打火機般,一點即燃,熊熊燃燒,怒氣填胸,我想上前與他理論,卻怕自己的安全受到影響,只能夠飲恨吞聲,拂袖而去。離開時,我張望着和平大鐘,心想:我們應該要避免引起戰爭,和平地與他人相處,對自己和其他參觀者都好。

抬頭一看,天空回復平靜,但仍烏雲密佈。回到酒店,我 躺在床上回憶起今天的林林總總,心中感概萬分。戰爭多麼殘 酷,是人類的悲劇,有無數個本來溫馨美滿的家庭因此而一夜 破裂。人們無家可歸,只能淪落街頭,同時也成為日軍胡亂宣 洩性慾的「扯線布偶」,她們難以拒絕日軍的無理要求,只有 服從這些命令,才能換取一丁點生存時間。同為女性,我在參 觀期間完完全全感受到他們的無助,心被一隻無形的手緊緊抓 住,一串淚水從我悲傷的臉上無聲地流下來,沒有一點兒哭聲, 只任憑眼淚不停地往下流,彷彿連同死去的遇難者的份也發洩 出來,一發不可收拾。希望她們當時沒有後悔自己是女性,身 而為女並沒有錯,錯在戰爭的出現及人性的黑暗。

最後,無論有多不悅或有意見,也理應保持尊重,尤其是 侵華日軍南京大屠殺遇難同胞紀念館這種莊嚴的地方,人們到 此也是為接受歷史的「洗禮」,感受當時人們因戰爭而產生的 災難。眼見遇難者生前受到的不人道對待及參觀者對文物的不 尊重,我的心裡五味雜陳……

窗外傾盆大雨,宛如上天想洗滌過去戰爭所帶來的一切罪過,為大地帶來新的生機,空氣中彌漫着一股幽靜、安寧的氣息。

「在彎道車速快才是真的快,直綫加速誰不會啊?」這是電影《頭文字D》裏的一句對白,伴隨着秋名山上疾馳的賽車,林間如流星般劃過的車燈,隨著心跳一同提速的背景音樂「咚……咚……咚……咚咚……」,這如此震撼的一幕,對當時不足十歲,年少懵懂的我,留下了難以抹滅的印象。

是的,一般人在開車經過彎道時,總會下意識地剎車減速,以確保自己在過彎時不會因為速度過快,車輛失去控制,打滑、側翻,造成事故,因而受傷,甚至失去生命。反觀駕駛技術高的人,則可以在過彎時保持速度,左右打彎、換檔,嫻熟優雅之餘有如鵝絨落地般輕飄、平靜,依杖這彎道技術,便可以在車道上輕鬆超越前方車輛,在賽道上則可以舉重若輕般甩開對手。

巴音布魯克·東歸拉力賽,這是每一位拉力賽車手夢中的 賽道,一百零九公里,三千三百米起伏的海拔,穿越草原、盆 地、沙漠。惡劣的自然條件注定了在高原荒漠過彎時,為了確 保追求穩重的拉力賽能夠順利完成,也為了確保自己的生命安 全,駕駛員必定會選擇減速。此時,更專精的過彎技術意味著 車手可以抓緊過彎的時間,在分秒必爭的賽道上為自己爭取那 寶貴的幾秒鐘,從而以分毫的差距,取得比賽的勝利。在賽車 中,每個人的車速都類近,直道上難以分出的勝負,在彎道便 顯現出來。這唯一區分勝負的機會,每一位車手都在爭取一個 超越對手、逆轉局勢,將勝利天秤拉向自己一側的契機。彎道, 代表著機會,只有將自身能力練就到極致,才可以在過彎道時 抓緊時機用開對手,以致勝利。

人生,有時不是都像巴音布魯克草原那般遼闊,有無數旁道,無數機會供你把握。大多時候,機會少之又少,錯過了便 不再有下次。

二百米短跑,奧運賽場上最受矚目的項目之一。相較於一百米更看重肌肉的爆發,相較四百米更看重人體速度的極限。 二百米賽道上,只有一條彎道,一條直道,而起跑處的彎道則 成了決定勝負的關鍵,只要能在旁道取得了領先位置,進入直 道後便已等於宣判了比賽結果。博爾特,二百米短跑的世界紀 錄保持者,他的彎道技術一直為世人所讚頌。在博爾特創造世 界紀錄的那一夜,隨著槍聲鳴起,他在彎道處便衝在最前端, 帶領著優勢進入直道,黑色閃電劃破了柏林夜空,歷史被創造。 彎道難過、辛苦,眾人皆知,可當你在過彎時搏盡全力,讓汗 水、淚水浸透自己。待彎道一過,你將有如脫韁野馬,勢不可 擋。

也許有人會質疑,彎道也許只是在競速中尤為重要。

其實不然,在學習的旅途上,我們依舊需要彎道作為我們 逆絕殺的跳板。天資聰穎的方仲永自幼便懂得寫詩作畫,被鄉 裏人稱作神童,但長大後卻因在學習的道路上停止了腳步,最 終泯然於眾人。反觀匡衡,在一個個夜晚,鑿壁偷光,借著大 戶人家的燈光和借來的書籍,奮發讀書,實現了窮苦人家在學 業上的彎道超車,成為了一代名臣宰相。

在日月交替中,當他們自滿,忘卻學習的時候,你不斷深 造,向自己的目標前進,這何嘗不是一種彎道紹車?

賽道、跑道、學習,乃至人生的蒼茫大道,都不乏彎道的存在,它代表著人生的轉機,代表著人生的難關,代表著應該全力以赴。緊抓住彎道所帶給你的機會,砥礪前行,終有一日,你將在一次次彎道後,超越那些曾經不看好你,取笑你的人,最終抵達成功的港灣。

「唉!其他國家已經贏在起跑線,拉開了足足半個運動場的距離,看來這次比賽奪冠無望了。」突然,國家隊的第三棒如離弦之箭,進入彎道時超越了第三名,頓時看台上吶喊聲此起彼伏,觀眾不斷揮手助威,最終奇蹟發生了,國家隊運動員竟然從最後一名追至亞軍!看着電視直播着奧運會的跑步接力比賽,引起了我對彎道的興趣。

「彎道超車原是賽車比賽的一個常見用語,指車手利用彎 道超越對手。而在現今的社會中,彎道一般被理解為人生進程 中一些關鍵時刻,讓我們得以超越自我或他人,改變命運。」 母親的說話耐人尋味,希望我能從中領會某些道理。

相對於直道而言,彎道上困難多,變化大。過彎道時,原 先領先的車手可能會因彎道而落後,而本來落後的車手也可能 會因彎道而超越對手,足以證明彎道正正是一個轉捩點,可以 是成功的契機,當然也可以是危機,全在於我們的小心抉擇和 反應。就如張家朗一樣,他有「香港劍神」之稱,也曾取得男 子花劍個人賽的金牌。在他中四那年,他毅然決定退學,當時 身邊的人都表示不理解,認為應該先完成學業,才去繼續訓練, 否則可能既會荒廢學業,也不能在劍擊方面取得好成績。後來 正正因張家朗退學的決定和他的努力,把握時間訓練,最後才 能成為全職運動員,奪取卓越的成績,並獲得銀紫荊星章的榮 譽。所以彎道是一個重要的節點,我們可能會以此登上人生高峰,實現自己的夢想,也可能會因此而通往失敗的道路,落入萬丈深淵。

彎道從來都是個充滿危機的位置,所以我們要在過程中充分準備,時機到了便要果斷,不畏艱險和失敗,毫無懼色地抉擇,最後才能實現「彎道超車」。在九十年代曾風靡一時的錄音機技術正正就是一個「彎道超車」的例子。當時的安派克公司首當其衝,推出了一項劃時代的科技——錄音機,令公司的名氣和資產都立即暴升。可惜價格實在是太昂貴,加上沒有把握時機改進品質,最後宣告失敗,把一手開創的市場拱手讓人。這時候,一顆科技界的新星松下公司便看到錄音機的潛力,果斷地買下這項技術,瞄準市場,尋求創新和降低價格。最後一躍成為電器市場的領導者。可見,即使是技術的先驅者,也因沒有迎合市場,而被別人因當機立斷和不斷改善而後來居上。所以彎道的存在從來都是讓一些準備充足的人來實現絕地反擊。

彎道可是一直提醒我們,在過程中不要掉以輕心,力求進步。蘋果公司開創了許多著名的硬件產品,例如智能電話或電腦,被列為世界的五大科技巨頭。但他們並沒有鬆懈,仍然每一年都不斷推出新科技和產品,力求創新,才能屹立多年而不被超越。試想想:假若創新了不少科技產品,卻故步自封,便可能會被人反超前,取代你的位置。因此,儘管近年世界發生不少大事,經濟環境跌盪,但蘋果的科技產品仍受人熱烈追捧,彎道不斷出現,謹慎奮發的態度卻讓蘋果公司遇彎過彎,戰無不勝。

彎道雖是一個有機可乘的地方,但是若果加速得太快,反 而隨時會車毀人亡。近年來各類行業的發展飛快,過程實在是 操之過急,最後車毀人亡。曾經是美國工業巨頭的奇美公司為 了跟上潮流,發展多元化的經營,包括科技或醫療等,企圖超 越其他國家,但此時公司已是人不敷支,加上數位化革命的來 臨,讓公司雪上加霜,最後導致財赤,股價不斷下跌。可見, 過彎道需要小心謹慎,若過程中為求目的急功近利,隨時會弄 巧反拙,導致意外發生,後悔莫及。

總括而言,其實人生就像賽車,只有勇於嘗試,有決心和 勇氣,不懈努力,才能實現「彎道超車」,但過程中要保持小 心謹慎,不要操之過急,掉以輕心,時刻進步,才能既攻又守, 站在高峰。 等待,可謂是人生的必經之路。在日常生活中,我們常常需要等待,可能是等一個人,一個機會,一個結果。等待的過程總是漫長的,有人認為當中的時間是迷茫、痛苦、不知所措的,一系列的負面情緒就從當中誕生,但等待真的毫無用處,只帶來各種的苦惱嗎?我不認同這種看法。等待有各種的好處,甚至若沒有了等待,我們的人生是不圓滿,是有缺陷的,有些事物會失去其意義,等待是重要的。

等待令人成長,漫長的時間是苦悶的,亦可能是充滿挫折 的磨練,但只要耐得住等待的寂寞,沉澱於其中,便能明白或 學會更多的道理。香港單車運動員李慧詩在二零零九年因受傷 而需要放棄比賽,在等待再次參與比賽的日子裡,她依然接受 訓練。她身體上的傷痛和心理上的負面情緒,因為長時間的等 待而逐漸加劇,但她咬緊牙關,努力堅持着,竭力克服問題, 她盼望可以再次展翅騰飛。此後,她越戰越勇,堅毅的精神鼓 舞了眾人,而這一份堅毅,便是從那段等待的時日中所學會的。 可見,等待雖然令人不好受,但也能令人培養出各種良好的品 格,催促我們成長。等待就如磨刀石,將我們打磨成一把鋒利 的刃,讓我們越發成熟。

等待是獲取成就的前提。人們往往渴望著機會和結果,而 一切都必要經歷等待方可成就,世上各種成功,沒有一樣是不 需要等待便有結果的。越王勾踐在吳國當人質的三年時間,就是一種煎熬。他等來夫差對他的信任,最後被釋放回國。回國後,為了東山再起,報仇雪恥,他過着清貧的生活,臥薪嚐膽十年,默默勵精圖治。這樣何曾不是一種漫長的等待,十年生死兩茫茫,面對未知的前途,除了等,還是等。韜光養晦十年,等到合適的時機,勾踐才一舉擊敗吳國,成為一代霸主。可見,等待是獲取成就和達成目標的重要一環,亦是必經一環。人生永遠沒有捷徑,俗語說:「強扭的瓜不甜。」春去秋來,要收割成熟甜美的果實,撒種澆水,可以做的都做了,便好好等待吧!時候到了,自然瓜熟蒂落。

有人認為:「等待是折磨人心的過程,讓人從滿懷希望變成失望。」我卻萬分不同意,等待的過程本來就無所謂好壞, 反倒是人的心態才是問題所在。抱著正面的心態,便會發現等 待的好處,一心享受過程所學會的人生道理,盼望著那即將達 成的目標,在逆境中也能等待曙光。但若然抱著負面的心態, 便覺度日如年,滿眼所見盡是等待苦悶和折磨,這會導致我們 錯過許多提升自我的機會,沒有及時把握這段等待時光的真正 好處。消極心態的人,不會像李慧詩一樣,學會堅毅的道理, 只會抱怨,不懂得沉澱當中意義;亦不會像勾踐一樣,成就目 標,因為他們早已因等待而退縮,幡然悔悟之時,早與目標相 隔一光年。

等待是重要的,如何面對等待亦是人生的重要課題,以樂 觀積極態度去面對等待,便會發現等待的意義和好處,令人充 實自身,從而帶給自己成長的機會,這亦是獲取成就或達成目 標的最後一步。朋友們,我們不妨將等待成為人生中的踏板, 充實我們每個獨特的人生。

得到過後,我卻感到不外如是

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曾經我很渴望得到總經理這一職位,而今天我收到一封信, 信上寫着我將晉升為公司的總經理。同事們紛紛起哄讓我請客, 慶祝我終於成功成為公司高層。正當我拿出電話想和好友分享 這份喜悅時,我才驚覺上一次和朋友外出已是三年前的聖誕節 了。同事們都為我感到高興,只是我有點悶悶不樂。我在朋友 的通訊群組中向他們宣佈了這一喜訊,並相約老朋友們今晚出 來敘舊。

出發前往餐廳的時候,我高興不起來,莫名地有種空虛的 感覺。天空烏雲密佈,薄霧籠罩城市,月亮躲在厚厚的雲層背 後,陰風肆意吹襲,毛毛細雨落在我的身上,雨水在街燈的映 照下顯得格外清晰,地上的水窪泛起陣陣漣漪。街道上,路過 的行人面無表情,擺出一副撲克臉。行人好像海上的湧浪一樣 絡繹不絕,而我是其中一條快要被湧浪吞噬的小魚,早已迷失 方向。回想起三年前我和朋友們一起慶祝聖誕節,當年的我還 是副經理,一心希望早日升職,並以此為目標,朋友們也很支 持我,說:「一心你可以的!加油啊!別忘記有我們在背後支 持你。」這三年間,我每日朝八晚十地工作,一周七天工作天, 就連假日我也沒有和朋友外出,讓自己休息一天。「抱歉,我 今天有點忙,我們下次再約吧!」成了我在這三年間發送得最 多的訊息。我的靈魂掉進了追求名利的黑洞,看不見一絲曙光。 我的心彷彿處於寒冬暗夜,被無情的冷風吹刮得刺痛,找不到 一絲溫暖。我開始自我封閉,不願意和別人有過多的社交。這時期的我最想得到的,就是更高的職位和收入。可如今我得到了,我的心情卻不似預期般高興。為什麼呢?這不就是我最渴望得到的嗎?這不就是我三年來所拼搏的原因和目標嗎?為何現在這些在我看來,好像也不外如是呢?

我和朋友們在居酒屋會合,串燒的香氣蕩漾在空氣中。食 客們的交談和酒杯的碰撞聲充盈耳際,一切看起來都是那麼的 熟悉。三年前的聖誕,我們也是相約在這裏渡過,如今卻已變 得物是人非。我們之間瀰漫着一股尷尬的氛圍。向華嘗試打破 這種氛圍,問:「最近文化博物館有新的展覽,你們有去看 嗎?」幼羚興致勃勃地回答道:「有啊!那裏展覽的文物實在 令人目不暇給。」大家你一言我一語地談得高興,而我卻默默 **地坐在一旁,喝着一杯又一杯的清酒,靜靜地聆聽着他們的對** 話。我與他們格格不入,插不了嘴。這三年間我每天過着兩點 一線的生活,日復一日,仍是那千篇一律的行程。這令我忽略 了身邊許多美好的事物,以致我成了井底之蛙。原以為當上了 總經理就是成功,朋友們會為我感到高興,會羨慕我。但現在 他們不明白我,我也不明白他們,我們彷彿連普通朋友也算不 上,反倒有點像點頭之交。我的確如願得到總經理一職,得到 了渴望已久的名和利,但我卻同時失去了我最珍重的友情,這 樣的交易是否值得呢?或許在友情面前,一切也不外如是。

我們道別後便分道揚鑣了,各自步上了歸家的路。打開大門,看見母親穿着碎花睡衣坐在沙發上看電視。她見我回來後, 一臉親切地說:「你回來了,廚房有熱湯,是你最喜歡的青紅 蘿蔔湯。」我走到廚房盛了滿滿一碗湯,看着眼前冒出的白煙,有一種難以名狀的感受。這不僅是一碗老火湯,更是母親對我的關愛。慢慢呷了一口,和母愛一樣甜美,在心胸間形成了一股暖流,流淌我的全身。幸福感洋溢在心中,嘴角不自覺微微牽起,這就是滿足的感覺嗎?這些年,我為了方便上班,獨自搬了出去。母親常常叫我多回家探望,盼望著一家人齊齊整整地吃頓家常便飯,但我一次又一次選擇已讀不回母親的信息,繼續為工作努力拼搏。有多久沒有這樣好好看望母親?她的白髮明顯多了,臉上的皺紋也更深了,手也不像從前那般光滑,這些都是歲月的痕跡。我一直尋索的幸福是甚麼?從工作而來的虛榮感和肯定嗎?那麼為甚麼今天我已完成心願,卻又興奮不起來呢?反倒僅是母親的一碗熱湯,卻能填滿我心中的空洞。

我默默坐在母親身旁,跟她一起看電視,享受久違的親子時刻。母親拍拍我的肩膀,問:「今天如何,工作順利嗎?」我答道:「我晉升總經理了。」她一臉驚訝:「這真好!你一直以來的努力就是為了這一刻,不是嗎?」我定睛看著她,是的,我一直的努力到底為了甚麼?這三年的光陰,換來了高薪厚職,原以為我會非常滿足,這可是對自我能力的一種肯定。怎料,我卻感到無比空虛,我錯過了和朋友相聚的快樂回憶,錯過了和家人一起生活的溫馨時光,每天只有工作至深夜,拖着疲憊的身軀回家,行屍走肉般的生活。為了所謂的「成功」,我不知不覺中捨棄了很多。回頭再看,這些名利根本不外如是。我微笑著對母親說:「媽媽,我以後會多回來吃飯。」母親臉上揚起了笑容:「好,好,我預備你最愛的菜。」

人生只有一次機會,錯過了便無法回頭。我們何必為了追名逐利而營營役役,勞碌一輩子呢?從前的我多麼無知,幸好一切還來得及。是的,人活着要工作,養家糊口,但我們卻不可忘記背後仍有很多支撐我們生命的價值,值得珍視。我得到了想望中的晉升機會,也為此付出了三年的代價,偏偏握在手中才發現,一切都不如想像中值得。我不要再盲目追求名利,要在工作和生活中取得平衡,讓自己適當地放鬆,更多姿多彩地活着,珍惜親人和好友共聚的時光,這才是人生的意義。

人生中總會遇上不同的分叉路,在兩難局面之下,人的選擇就顯得極其重要,總有一些事情需要被取捨,我認為取捨不等於放棄,取捨不是一個負面的字眼,反而在人生路上不同的取捨才能造就不同的成果。

常理之中,人總會選擇一些我們認為更有價值的事物,但每個人都有不同志向,價值觀也各異,因此取捨的尺自然也不盡相同。世人喜好名利,愛惜生命,但總有一些人,教會我們要在取捨中選擇堅守信念。孟子在《魚我所欲也》中提出「捨生取義」,道德價值凌駕於生存之上。宋末蒙古兵大敗南宋,文天祥被擄到元國的樞密院接受勸降,但經過多番勸說仍無功而回。忽必烈賞識文天祥的剛烈,提出倘若他願意投降,便讓他當宰相,過錦衣玉食的生活。文天祥毫不猶豫拒絕了忽必烈,一心求死,忽必烈只好無奈地處決了他。文天祥堅守忠君愛國的原則,即使在面對生死之間也能從容取捨,寧死也不叛國,連忽必烈也稱讚他是「真漢子」。回看現今的社會,誘惑處處,我們總有機會遇上違背我們原則的事,那時候人們便需要作出取捨,願我們都能像文天祥的堅定,清楚望見個人的志向和心中所依,不被名利物質所蒙蔽。

有些時候,人會以大局為先,在兩難之間捨下自己。著名 數學家希爾伯特便是一個好例子。希爾伯特曾聽過愛因斯坦的 演講,知道愛因斯坦正在研究重力場的方程式,卻在苦惱無法利用高階的數學技巧表達出來。希爾伯特一聽就知道那是自己的知識範疇,於是也在在家裡鑽研起來。二人各自獨立研究,卻竟在同一天發佈了完全相同的重力方程式。相同結果令大眾不知道應把研究成果歸功於誰,在眾人議論紛紛的時候,希爾伯特卻主動把功勞歸於愛因斯坦。希爾伯特明白不值得為爭先後名次而浪費時間,反而與愛因斯坦以書信頻繁交流研究得着,使愛因斯坦更完善他的理論並推出《廣義相對論》,從此名流千古。當時希爾伯特在面對「研究所帶來的名利」和「科學發展」二者之間,選擇顧全大局,選擇整個科學界的未來,結果確實造福了後世。人生路漫漫,我們不是自己獨自走路,總會遇上不同的人,參與不同的事,假如能有機會令路上的人都獲得好處,捨下個人一時的利益,那不失為一個極明智的選擇。

取捨,也不要單看目前,反要放眼將來遠景。以電動車廠特斯拉的老闆伊隆.馬斯克為例,當他的公司推出電動車的時候,他只要抓住這獨家專利,收入自然豬籠入水。但他沒有局限於眼前的小小利益,他看準當時很多車廠都對電動車這種新能源科技趨之若鶩,便直接把電動車的專利開放出去,讓全世界的車廠能製造電動車。起初大家對馬斯克的決定都很不解,明明已是口中肥肉,為甚麼卻要放棄?馬斯克其實一直希望解決能源及污染問題,電動車是他想到的其中一個很好的解決方法。當各地紛紛開始研製電動車,技術得以互相分享,有助特斯拉電動車的優化,性能因此而得到很大提升,成為了全球電動車的著名品牌,馬斯克也賺個盤滿鉢滿。同時,因著電動車的普及,車輛碳排放大幅減少,不但對環保有所貢獻,亦有助

解決能源危機問題。馬斯克沒有聚焦於目前的利益,反而著眼 於電動車對未來的機遇,做出了利人利己的取捨。當我們遇到 人生的大小事,也應該如此,先別急於一時的蠅頭小利,想想 將來可能出現的種種結果,這樣的取捨才有意義。

總括而言,取捨是人生必經的,而且還可能會經歷上千次、 上萬次。取捨不代表放棄,而是人在兩難的困局之中,對於更 重要的和較次等的事情所做的抉擇,說白一點就是以此來成全 我們人生中更高的價值。面對需要選擇的時候,不妨勇敢邁出 一步,總會有令人意想不到的效果。 夜,萬籟俱寂,我久違地回到這間房子裏,我還穿着黑色 的喪服,想不到我推搪那麼多次,最終竟會以這種方式來赴約。

數日前的一通電話,告知了我的父親離世。我沉默許久, 未能發出任何聲音。沒有想像中的痛哭、哽咽,我只是安靜地 任由淚珠一次次劃過我的面頰,然後應下親戚的話,開始操辦 父親的喪禮。只是那夜從眼角流下的淚砸進耳廓時,讓我感到 有些許耳鳴。

我推開父親的房門,開始收拾父親的遺物,我把父親的衣裳一件件從衣櫃拿出來,疊好,然後收進紙箱裏。忽地,我瞥見衣櫃裏的角落放了一個箱子。我把箱子拿出來,打開後發現竟放着我小學的背包與校服,它們安放在一個密封膠袋裏,校服還是保持雪白,收藏的人想必很珍惜它們吧!

孩提時代的月段漸漸在我的腦海浮現,每天父親都會在校門前等待我放學,他四周張望,在人海中搜索我的身影。每當他望見我,他便會激動地向我揮手,而我每一次都會興奮地跑向父親,向他訴說學校發生的趣事。他會牽起我的手,替我拿過背包,然後笑看着我雀躍地比劃着。以往,他的每一次等待都能等來女兒熱情的回應,等來女兒燦爛的笑容。這些回憶對於父親而言,也許比世界上所有珍寶都貴重,那時等待的回憶

是甜蜜的,這背包和校服就像一張糖紙,把那如同糖果般甜蜜的回憶好好包裹着。父親的心是溫柔的,他把他深愛的女兒每一段成長印記都好好珍藏起來。心底剛被愛意填滿,愧疚便又油然而生,他曾是多麼的愛惜每一次的「等待」,而我過去拿甚麼回報他呢?

我轉過身打算拿紙箱時,目光被書桌上放的一疊食譜吸引 了,那一本本食譜被貼滿了便簽,每張便簽上都寫上密密麻麻 的備註,全是我的喜好和忌口。在我還未搬出去住時,父親總 會煮好一桌菜等待我同家,而中學的我只顧着與朋友在街上流 連,直至月明星稀,才恍然記得正在餐桌前等我的父親。父親 煮菜總是以我的口味為先,每次的蕃茄炒蛋也是我喜歡的微甜, 直至很久以後我才發現,原來父親喜歡酸的。那時的他,獨自 望著一桌為女兒精心預備的菜式,偏偏主人翁卻杳無音訊,那 時等待一分一秒的過去,又該是何種感受? 青春期的我叛逆, 總不願聽父親的話,把父親的等待當作理所當然。可天下間有 甚麼遷就、等待是理所當然的?我剛回到家中便「啪」地關上 房門,把父親隔絕在世界外。我卻不曾理會過一門之隔的父親, 正一臉失望。我也不曾注意過為者菜而汗流浹背的他,拿著食 譜苦苦鑽研,最後卻換來空洞的等待。是的,他的等待等不到 回應,但他每天仍孤獨地堅持著,或許有一天,他的女兒會打 開大門,朝他粲然一笑,又再滔滔不絕說起了許多趣事。等待 著,等待著,就這樣走過了我的青葱歲月。

出來工作後,我常以工作繁忙為由推搪父親。難得一次回家,父親依舊會準備豐盛的菜餚,依舊全是我喜歡的菜。他一

看見我,嘴角禁不住上揚,一邊嘮叨着一邊把餸菜夾到我的碗內。他終於等到了,縱使這一晚的相聚,是他用幾個月的等待換來的。我把一切都裝進箱子,合上。一陣難受刺穿了我的心扉,年少的我等待成長,成人的我等待未知的旅程,卻忘記了在背後有一個默默等待我的人。當歲月走過後,當我想等那個當初等待我的人,與他再吃上一餐飯,這次換我為他預備他喜歡的蕃茄炒蛋吧!卻發現我竟永遠等不到了。這刻沾濕我衣領的淚珠是為何而流?為愧疚,為悔恨,或是為等待不到的苦與痛?

我們等待嚴寒的冬天離開,等待漫天的櫻花盛開,等待盛 夏的陽光灑下,等待四季的更替,時光的流逝帶給我們成長, 亦帶走了默默等待我們的人。「樹欲靜而風不止,子欲養而親 不在」,生命是有限的,終會抵不過時光長河的洗刷,趁我們 還能回應等待我們的人時,珍惜他們的等待,莫待等不到時才 悔疚。我無法乘搭時光機回到那段時光,只盼望我會珍惜將來 每一個等待我的人。 人生路上,我們總會遇到各式各樣的限期。而面對逐漸迫 近的限期,人們往往會有與平日不同的表現,他們或害怕,或 緊張,視限期為頭號大敵。但在我看來,限期非但無可避免, 更是人生中不可或缺,具獨特意義的存在。我們不妨以積極、 正面的態度去看待限期。

限期在我們生活中充當了提醒者的角色,它讓我們學會分辨事情輕重,限期將至的事要趕快做完,限期尚遠的事則能徐徐圖之。如此一來,行事規劃自然變得井井有條。以食物保質期為例,我們可以靠保質期來判斷食物的新鮮程度,從而規劃飲食,保障身體健康。倘若食物上都沒有標定限期,試問我們又該如何判斷食物能存放多久,何時食用呢?若我們沒有限期幫助,只依靠直覺規劃事情,那麼最終的結果必然是混亂無序且不準確的。又如優惠券的使用限期一旦結束,優惠券立即再無半分用武之地。正因有限期將至的壓力,提醒大家在限期內善用事物,人方會更加積極,完成該完成的事情。回望過去你會發現其實限期一直都陪伴在我們身邊,不厭其煩、一遍又一遍地提醒着我們,默默地協助我們規劃出有趣的人生。

限期亦能把事物的價值彰顯。在有限的時間內,事物盡其 所能發光發熱,盡情展現出其值得被人欣賞的一面。若然沒有 限期,那麼人將不會再懂得珍惜所有,任何事物都不復珍貴, 最終只能漸漸被人遺忘。一如那在午夜盛開的曇花,盛放之時 無比艷麗,它生存的期限卻轉瞬即逝。人們為一見花開的美態 整夜守候,卻只見曇花一現,這正是限期為它賦予的獨有魅力。 青春乃是人生中最可貴的一章,我們在青春年華揚鞭策馬、高 聲放歌,往後無不時常懷念過往的青葱歲月,慨嘆它的短暫。 青春也有限期,一去不復返,而它的價值正在於它的期限,若 我們都有永恆青春,大家還會如此重視嗎?我們的成長路上, 無數往事都在限期後黯然結束,但值得慶幸的是,這些寶貴的 往事都已經化作回憶深深烙印在我們的腦海中。萬事萬物都有 限期,難以永存,但值得慶幸的是,任何事物都能在限期中找 到自己的存在價值。

既然限期無可避免,我們又應如何面對?其實活在當下,珍惜每分每秒,就是限期帶給我們的最大啟示。每個人的生命都有限期,但莫要忘記,如上所言,正因有了限期,生命才變得更有價值。我們的生命就如飛逝的流星,短暫得令人恐懼,美麗的令人羨慕。既然如此,我們難道不應該把握這僅有的時間,努力讓美麗的時刻長駐多一會嗎?「老驥伏櫪,志在千里。烈士暮年,壯心不已」,這是一代梟雄曹操在知天命之年所寫的詩句。他的人生限期將至,然而他的鬥志未減,反而更加熱切,欲以餘下的時間立永世之功業。不論英雄凡人、古人今人,都一樣會經歷生死大限,分別在於面對的心態,有人限期未至就提早放棄,蹉跎一生;有人限期將至,仍心懷雄心壯志,活出精彩人生。貝多芬三十歲將近失聰,在音樂界的限期本應提早結束,但他仍珍惜對音樂僅有的一絲觸感,繼續譜寫樂章,奏成震撼人心的《命運》交響曲。限期不應是約束人的工具,

而是激勵人前進的助燃劑,提醒了我們時間的寶貴、生命的難得。對比永恆的大自然,人類的限期似乎來得格外的快。正因如此,我們更當勤加自勉,珍惜僅餘的時間,莫要浪費了生命的價值。。

限期之於我們人生,我們對它又愛又恨,既怕它來,又盼 望著它來。它既為我們帶來壓力,又賦予我們不同的意義,因 此諸君請聽一席話,甚願各位不要懼怕限期,在生老病死的必 然循環中,燃燒自我,盡力享受生活,這才不負限期的價值。 顏回曾言:「人善我,我亦善之;人不善我,我亦善之。」 人在遭受惡意對待時,會選擇記恨,甚至報復對方。但我認為, 顏回的態度值得效法,人生路漫漫,總會遇到朋友,也會遇到 敵人,無論他人如何待我們,只有學會寬恕,以德報怨,才能 讓我們活得順心。

寬恕,不僅是原諒別人,也是使我們自身得到解脫。別人 得罪我們,我們或會心生怨恨,埋怨他人的不是,甚至為了把 自己承受的痛苦加倍奉還給對方,千方百計報復他人。但細心 思量,這又何嘗不是為自身徒增痛苦?明大學士張英的家人與 鄰里同時為自家屋院修築圍牆,兩家人竟為了佔地一事爭論不 休。張英家人氣在心頭,於是送書北京,希望張英能藉其官威 迫使鄰居退讓。然而,張英在回信中寫道:「千里修書只為牆, 讓他三尺又何妨?」毫不計較鄰居的無理行為。最後張英家人 把自家外牆後退三尺,想不到的是鄰家見狀竟然仿效,也後退 三尺,成就了「六尺巷」的佳話。當張英家人緊握着恨意時, 即使是尺寸之地,卻令他們煞費心機,終日不得安寧。但當他 們選擇寬恕退讓時,他們自身的苦惱也就迎刃而解。得饒人處 且饒人,得放手時且放手,對別人懷着恨意,各種負面情緒便 會侵蝕我們的思緒,讓我們倍添痛苦,困在死胡同,抓不到出 路,又尤如握著利刃,只得手破血流的下場。寬恕別人,放下 恨意,自身精神得到解脫,自然便能願意互相溝通,問題也更 易解決。

寬恕,把惡意轉化為善意,把敵人轉化成朋友。若面對有人心懷敵意,不要一味抗衡對方,選擇以寬恕的態度,對人寬容一點,便能化干戈為玉帛。美國前總統林肯在參議院演講時,曾被某位政敵議員以其父親鞋匠的身份羞辱。但林肯沒有記恨對方,反而以幽默化解尷尬,推薦對方日後光顧,林肯的善意大家都感受到了,使得嘲笑的聲音都轉成了真誠的掌聲。曾經有位名為史坦頓的美國政治家,在首次與林肯見面時便當面嘲諷他的外貌和能力,但林肯仍然重用他,在美國南北戰爭時任命他為內閣成員,史坦頓亦因此視林肯為好友,十分敬重他。寬恕,就是放下一切面子和個人情緒,不介懷對方施加我們身上的「惡」,忽略他們的傷害,這樣,當我們主動建立溝通的橋樑,以真誠、包容的態度與對方對話時,彼此之間的矛盾才有化解的機會,我們才有機會互相擁抱對方,昨天的敵人,或會成為今天的朋友。

寬恕,開闊了我們的視野,讓我們看到不一樣的世界。人們往往因為眼前的積怒,不知不覺間拋開了其他一切事物。當我們學會寬恕別人,走出憎恨的霧霾時,更重要的事情就會在我們顯現。羅馬詩人賀拉斯曾說過:「憤怒是短暫的瘋狂。」可見憤怒使人不理智,做出不合理的事。齊桓公則與之相反。當鮑叔牙為管仲求情,齊桓公竟饒恕管仲射他一箭之仇,更接納鮑叔牙推薦,任命管仲為相。齊桓公沒有被仇恨蒙蔽雙眼,他看到了管仲的才華,也看到了國家的需要,以管仲協助自己

治國,終不負所望成為春秋一代霸主。凡人如我,也會被仇恨、痛苦蒙蔽,只看見對方的錯,將個人的不幸無恨放大,只看見無盡的黑暗。古語有云:「忍一時風平浪靜,退一步海闊天空。」真的,放下憎恨,向後退一步,才發現這個世界廣闊無垠,遙望萬里晴空,所謂的仇恨不過如過眼雲煙。

寬恕別人,是一種美德,是一種智慧,更是一種貫穿人生的哲理。寬恕別人不僅能使雙方從痛苦中解脫,化惡意作善良,更是使我們的眼界不再受憎恨所束縛。康有為曾經說道:「開誠心,布大度」,我們應在漫漫人生中追求這種寬容的處世態度,追求成為君子,讓人生達到更高的境界。

English Writing

Introduction

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Swiss scientist, Conrad Gessner, once opined that "the modern world" was overwhelming people with "confusing and harmful" content. Mirroring this, much has been said recently about the "unprecedented risks" posed by recent advances in communication technology, particularly in relation to Artificial Intelligence (AI). It might surprise people to know that Conrad Gessner died in 1565, and his unease was triggered by the invention of the printing press.

Worries about information overload are old. With each new generation comes rhetoric about the dangers of new communication technologies that is fresh in wording but largely parallel in meaning. So should we ignore this old rhetoric? Just because these stories have been told before does not mean they have no value. Each new generation needs to hear some of the same, old stories: eat right, exercise, build friendships, learn, love, and since around 1565 - read! These are just a few of the timeless maxims that need to be passed down from generation to generation. For how can a parent help a child, or a teacher help a student, or educational media help the masses without first sharing the simplest advice?

But we retain a choice, and different people respond in different ways as always. Take AI as an example: some of us are fully immersed in it already - despite the reported dangers - while others have heeded the warnings and are carefully dipping in and out. And there lies the beauty for each of us - the freedom to shape our own journeys through life.

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Students from Forms 1 to 4 were invited to complete a creative writing task. The process started with the exploration of a topic and text type in the classroom, followed by students' own investigation using the technological tools at their disposal. In exactly the same way as Mr. Gessner would read a book 500 years ago and apply his learning to his work, it was hoped that students would "brainstorm" with AI and use the knowledge garnered from that exchange in their creative writing pursuit.

Most recently, I asked a group of Form 1 students to write a limerick¹ that placed the storybook character 'Matilda' (from the long-time Form 1 reader familiar to most of you) in Hong Kong, and combined knowledge of both the storybook and Hong Kong/Chinese culture. One student, Ocean Leung (1A16), ended up with the following:

There once was a girl named Matilda;
Her mind was sharp - full of idea!
In Central Library she'd hide,
With books stacked high and wide,
Probing Hong Kong's cultural enigma!

¹ limerick: a 5-line entertaining verse using an AABBA rhyming scheme

It is interesting that Ocean leaned heavily on the poetry-writing skills of an AI robot and, in turn, the chatbot leaned heavily on a creation - namely, a library with a wide selection of books - that directly evolved from the invention of the printing press, something which Conrad Gessner complained about nearly 500 years ago! With some personal flavor added to the poem after receiving the chatbot's response, I hope you'll agree that Ocean's limerick came out alright - as did all of the students' passages chosen to appear here. I invite you to read and learn from them, and enjoy!

S1 Poems

Task: Write a limerick² which places the storybook character 'Matilda' in Hong Kong, and combines knowledge of both the storybook and Hong Kong/Chinese culture.

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² limerick: a 5-line entertaining verse using a AABBA rhyming scheme

1A Karson Chan

She was late starting school - Who?

Parents don't love her; she's nothing to do!

Like Chinese culture, you know;

Boys over girls - that's so!

Matilda wants it to change - Me too!

1A Grace Wong

5-year-old Matilda's talent never comes to an end; Recites times-tables when 10-year-olds only pretend! Enjoys yum cha with Da Hong Pao tea, Controls the chopsticks better than we! I've never seen her fail - what a genius friend!

1A Jamie Pang

Matilda - so clever and bright;

She reads books all day and night.

Her parents are mean;

The worst I've ever seen!

To jail they'd be sent in the city of lights!

1A Jacob Lam

Matilda, a fool? No, never!
In fact, the smartest - extremely clever!
Her mind is bright;
HKU dream in sight.
Matilda - a genius forever!

1A Sessie Ng

Young Matilda, so clever and bright; In the bottom class, but her answers always right! Annoyed by, she lifted up the principal; So high, to the ceiling's pinnacle, While enjoying dim sum - a HK delight!

S1 Poetry

Acrostic Poems

An Ode to Jungkook

1A Grace Wong

Judged by haters; tired like an old steam train

Upset won't happen no matter the swings

Never giving up to meet his dream;

Good at all dances, painting, boxing and sings!

Keep going on all the targets he sets.

Over-worked he has no time to rest

Online comments from fans: we all said he's a late-night cat

King of Kpop; star that will never be tested!

Jungkook: Proud of the way you always want to be better!

An Ode to Taylor SW

1A Hailey Wong

Taking over the world;
Adoring cats more than anything!
Yikes... Is that fair to her boyfriend?
Likes writing songs about douchbags who cheat on her;
Only she can heal the wounds inside people's heart.
Ruling the music industry and people's hearts.

Slaying every single album, Winning everyone's approval! Taylor: I really admire you!

An Ode to Ian Chan

1B Louis Pun

Incredible at everything he does
Always willing to read and lend a helping hand
Never one to shy away from a challenge
Creates many awesome songs
Has a handsome face
A person with a warrior heart
Never gives up creating songs
Ian Chan, the man!

An Ode to Sasha Hui

1C Jessica Jim

Sweetest smile, blinging eyes,

Among the class, she shines the brightest.

Super diligent and never lies,

Helping classmates, she's the goddess!

An outstanding performance; no one could beat her.

Honorable student, teachers admire her.

Unbelievably kind and caring; she could cure anyone.

Incredible personality, just like an angel!

Sasha Hui – you're the best I could ever ask for.

An Ode to Dear Mother

1D Venus Li

Dear Mother

Embracing our wrongs

Awesome cooking

Receiving our thanks

Motivation for us to work

Omit care and love – NEVER!

Try to make us

Happy and

Entertained

Recording the memories is a fun thing to do

DEAR MOTHER: loving us with no conditions.

An Ode to Chris Cole

1C Kriscole Lui

Cool skateboarder I most admire.

High level movements he always can do.

Retry every impossible skate kicks.

Impossible is not a word he knows

Skillful skate moves are easy to him.

Can finish all full spin skate combo.

Oh my! This is just a perfect move!

Low possibility to fail every time!

Everything he can't do; he'll never give up!

Chris Cole: the legend.

S2 Creative Writing

Whatsapp Chats & Phrasal Verbs

Whatsapp Chats: Never Give Up

2A Manjit Wong

Alex I feel like giving up!

Chris Last time we spoke things were going well! What happened?

Alex Everything is just super tense right now. Can't stand it anymore.

Chris Really? What made you think that?

Alex Nobody believes in me. Not even my family. I'm so sick of myself.

Chris I believe in you. Who cares about those people?

Alex I also feel like I'm just not good enough. This is obliterating.

Chris How many times have I told you that you're good enough? Stop!

Alex It's true. Every subject is hard. The whole world is collapsing on me like an avalanche.

Chris I'm so sorry to hear that, pal. Is there anything I can help you with?

Alex I wish there were, but there isn't.

Chris Don't give up yet. I promise you will achieve your dream.

Alex You're saying it like it's easy while it's killing me slowly.

Chris The harsh truth is that you gotta man up & suck the pain up.

Alex You're kinda right.

Chris Yeah man. Now put on lose yourself by Eminem and

start grinding.

Alex Yeah! Thanks man! I'm super motivated suddenly.

Chris Yeah bro! Can't wait to see you getting accepted!

Alex Gotta study. Bye dude!

Chris Bye!

Whatsapp Chats: Try It On

Alex

Chris

I do!!!!

2A Iona Lee

Alex Heyvy gurlll! Wake uppppp!!! Chris Oh, whats wrong darling? Of course, I'm awake. It's 1pm, www Alex I just wanna ask you how the concert was last night? lol Chris Oh my! I just remember that you spilled your coffee on me. Gurl, I just wanted to share my coffee with your dress~:) Alex Chris It already drank enough water in my washing machine! Alex Whatever! We are going to Germany next week! Chris Oh yes! I almost forgot. I need to decide on my clothing! Alex Do you want to wear some colourful clothes there? Chris Come on darling! They don't match with the buildings! Alex Hmmm! What is the style of the buildings there? Chris Ummm! Oh, mostly it's gothic architecture, I think. Alex Then let's wear some dresses that match. Chris Okay, I have a lot of gothic-style clothing. Alex Of course. I know lol. Gurl you always wear your gothic Lolita dress! Chris Well there are some more, darling. Do you want to borrow an outfit?

Okay! Come over now and try it on!

Whatsapp Chats: Set It Up

2B Benny Ha

Jack Let's set up a business to sell insurance.

Jill Setting up an insurance business is a great idea!

Jack We need to borrow money.

Jill No need! I have 1 million startup capital on hand.

Jack Great! I also have 500,000 that I can use to start a business.

Jill So what are your plans and how can I help you?

Jack I'm going to get an Insurance Regulatory Authority license.

Jill Do you want me to hire someone?

Jack We need to hire insurance agents and insurance brokers.

Jill Okay, I will help you hire these people.

Jack We need to find a trustworthy law firm to cooperate with.

Jill What about Benny Law Firm? Everyone has great trust in them.

Jack Then I will write an email to Benny Law Firm and ask for cooperation.

Jill OK, what kind of people are our insurance products sold to?

Jack Our insurance products are for life, medical and injury?

Jill There is a gap in the market for cancer insurance, critical

illness.

Jack Perfect! And our insurance products are available to everyone?

Jill Yes!

Jack Let's get started.

Whatsapp Chats: Set It Up

2B Seeanca So

Jack Let's set up a business to sell cookies.

Jill Setting up a cookies business is a great idea!

Jack I love eating cookies!

Jill Me too! I want to bring the happiness of eating cookies

to others!

Jack Nice! :) I think we can create some special flavours to

get a lot of eyeballs.

Jill Umm... How about chocolate cookies with some

banana mocha inside?

Jack Wow! That's a pretty good idea!

Jill I'm sure we can come up with even better ideas!

Jack How about matcha cookies with some chocolate chips?

Jill Excellent! My mouth is watering just imagining it!

Jack Can you think of any other ones?

Jill I think we can make some special shapes.

Jack I think heart-shaped cookies are easy for us to make.

Jill I think some animal shapes can be more special.

Jack I agree! Animal-shaped cookies can get a lot of eyeballs

as well.

Jill The chocolate cookie with banana mocha can be a bear.

Jack That's sounds great!

Jill I think butter cookies should be a good idea.

Jack How about butter cookies with some dried strawberries

inside?

Jill I think they could be heart-shaped.

Jack Adorable!

Whatsapp Chats: Make It Up

2D Carissa Chiu

Alex Hey gurl, how's your day?

Chris Good! Btw, the choco-chip cookies you gave me were

absolutely delicious!

Alex Ohh I'm glad to hear that. Do you want some more?

Chris Yes, please! I'll bring you some tmr. :)

Alex I'm deciding on what to wear to Coachella?

Chris Hmmm... maybe a black crop top with baggy jeans?

Alex Okay, and guess what! I'm going for a hyper feminine

style this time!

Chris Oh! That's unexpected!

Alex Ikr! With bows, laces...? Coquette outfits are trending

these days!

Chris Yea, I see that. They're really pretty!

Alex Yessss, let's wear matching outfits. (If you'd like to!)

Chris Sure!

Alex I'm so looking forward to the event!

Chris Same! >< I'll meet you at your place at 10 am~

Alex Okay, see ya!

Chris See ya tmr~

S3 Narrative & Rhyming Poems

What's equal?

3A Casper Lo

Stanza 1

From birth, expectations were set in stone.

A predetermined path, not one's own.

Girls should be Gentle, Graceful and small.

While Boys should be Brave, and never fall.

Stanza 2

Unseen chains bind, limiting worth
Like a handicap gifted at birth
Women stay silent, their words compressed
Men confined, their emotions suppressed

Stanza 3

Let's break the chains, break the spell.

Let's challenge the norms, rewrite the tale.

For equality, a battle worth the fight

A future where they may all shine their lights.

No more stereotypes, a new point of view.

Together we'll build a world that is just,

Where all are free, their dreams to trust.

I'm... You're... He's... She's... We're...

3A Bryan Chan

Who are we?

If I'm a student, Can I teach?

If you're an adult, Can you play in the park like a kid?

If he's an old man, Can he youthfully enjoy the beach?

If she's a housewife, Can she play basketball like Jason Kidd?

No matter who we are, Any dream can be reached!

Am I Enough?

3A Sharleen Koon

Am I pretty enough Teens online are always perfect stuff

We all try to be the best But too tired to work it out Sometimes full of hope At the same time feeling like garbage

It's finally Friday
While I was lying on my bed
Scrolling through Instagram
Watching them faking their lives

People commenting on me – anxiety
But I'm glad to be me
We shouldn't live to be the best
Rather know "I'm enough!"

Global warming

3A Elsa Wong

Heat rises, the Earth cries
Global warming in the skies
Ice caps melt and sea levels rise
Flooding in low-lying areas
Forests burn, their flame fierce and high
Endangered species, saying their last goodbye

No more plastic

No more waste

Renewable energy, the way to go

Reducing our footprint, letting it show

Now, let's make a change For a sustainable future, let's strive Preserving our world, keeping it alive!

S4 Journal

Travel guide

4A Ocean Cheung

About Hong Kong Adventure Farm

Good news! Hong Kong Adventure Farm is a newly established theme park where you can explore much! With fun sports, entertaining activities and over-night camping, Hong Kong Adventure Farm makes an incredible trip for you and your family. No matter what things you want to do, Hong Kong Adventure Farm will fulfil your wants.

Top three things to see and do

Upon entering the farm, you will encounter an amazing railway experience. In fact, this train travels through the entire farm, taking you to different stations and connecting you to vast amounts of attractions. On the journey, you will see beautiful views that you will never forget in your life time.

Hop off at the first station, Farmer's Market Station. This station features a local ranch where you will interact with cute animals like lambs, pigs and many more.

After the authentic interaction with animals, you might need a midday rest. We've got you covered! The next station is Lake Side Station. You can exhale by resting in the Lake Café. If you are keen on some physical activities, why not try canoeing and enjoy the tranquility? Besides, there are a camping site and a barbecue site at the other side of the lake, which can be accessed with a boat express.

Before you leave the farm, don't miss the beautiful view of the enormous waterfall! At Waterfall Station, you will be encountered with a stunning waterfall. Due to its geographical location, a lot of wild animals inhabit in this area. Don't miss this beautiful scenery of nature. Photo-taking is allowed but flashlight is not encouraged since it might scare off the animals. If you want to have a better view of the waterfall, there is a hiking trail setting off from the station, heading to the top of the waterfall.

Before you leave, don't forget to get yourself some souvenirs and fresh produce at the entrance of the Hong Kong Adventure Farm.

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4A Noel Lam

About Hong Kong Adventure Farm

Hong Kong Adventure Farm was established in 2010. It is located in Sai Kung. Nestled amidst the beautiful countryside of Hong Kong, the farm offers a unique blend of thrill rides, firsthand experience and educational activities for visitors. The overarching theme is to promote a connection between humans and nature while enabling visitors to learn about sustainable farming and environmental conservation. Every station is linked by railway and you can hop on the train ride to explore the whole farm.

Top three things to see and do

Fascinating agricultural experiences

When you take the train, the first stop is Farmers' Market Station. It is divided into 2 parts, namely grazing land and farmland. The grazing land covers with lush greenery. There is a variety of animal species, such as sheep and goats. You can even interact with them by feeding them. You will marvel at the picturesque landscapes with adorable farm animals. While you are feeding the animals, others can experience farming. You can use the traditional and simple tools to farm. Some farming characteristics of Hong Kong can be learned during the experiences. In addition, you can eat the fresh fruits and vegetables picked in the farm in the restaurant near the farmland.

Educational viewing

Along the railway, you will come to Lake Side Station. In this station, many birds and ducks can be found. It shows the ecosystem of Hong Kong and you can learn about the importance of conserving them. If you are lucky, you can find some rare species. We provide some telescopes for you to observe those birds and ducks and learn the living habits of different animal species. Moreover, there is a café. You can have your coffee or tea while admiring the birds through the floor-to-ceiling windows. You are reminded not to be too noisy as it may disturb the birds. No matter where you visit, preserve the animal habitats.

Exhilarating amusement rides

You can go to the Waterfall Station so that you can go on the thrill rides. It is a haven for adventure enthusiasts. For instance, there is a waterfall rapids. Strap on your safety gear and then get ready to navigate through turbulent water, breathtaking drops and swirling current. The riding experience will be very unforgettable. The photographers are there to capture the moment of excitement. This can help you save the memories of your experience. You can buy back the photos at the souvenir shop.

Mail writing

4A Tam Ching

Dear Sir / Madam,

As the chairperson of the ABC school's sports club, I am writing on behalf of the sports club to express the deepest aspirations associated with the old equipment of your fitness centre. Characteristics of our sports club and benefits of donating your centre's old equipment to our club are as follows.

In our school, our sports club has been playing a significant and paramount role in promoting the essence of sports, amidst the jampacked schedule and relentless paces of students. It is anticipated that our school gives priority to students' bliss and health which offers a comprehensive development to students, enhancing and enriching the school life of students.

One of the most notable benefits of donating old equipment to our school sports club is its positive influence on the mental well-being of the stressed students. Students in Hong Kong always have a hectic lifestyle which acts as a stumbling block for them to keep doing exercise regularly. Not only is it detrimental to students' physical health, but it is also causes a virulent impact on their mental health. In a bid to alleviate the stress of students, doing sports is irrefutably an exemplary way to tackle the issue. By immersing themselves in sports, it allows students to take a deeply required respite from their hustling school life after a busy day, helping them to recharge.

Another benefit that is highlighted to our school is enriching our students' school life. Nowadays, students concentrate on their academic results excessively, which opens the door to the high tension of students. As our school emphasizes that doing exercise is indispensable in all-rounded development, it is sincerely hoped that students can have an enjoyable and exhilarating school life by doing sports with fitness equipment from your centre. We are planning to organize more activities that allow students to exercise with your equipment and the equipment will be available for students to use after the school day. It is assured that students can acquire more physical health knowledge through using the equipment under teachers' guidance.

Apart from the above-mentioned benefits, donating old equipment to the sports club not merely contributes to the school but also benefits your fitness centre.

Beyond benefits to the school, donating old equipment can strikingly reduce waste. Old equipment in your centre is originally going to be thrown away; causing a massive amount of waste which jeopardises the natural environment of Hong Kong. Moreover, taking the solid-waste charging scheme into account, your fitness centre will be charged a tremendous amount of money if the old equipment is thrown away. Regarding this issue, it is strongly recommended that you donate the equipment to our sports club for reuse, making your company an environmentally friendly organization simultaneously.

In addition, the public image of your fitness centre will be enhanced and your reputation will be gained if you donate those equipment to our sports club. Through aligning with the customers, it is believed that more like-minded individuals will be attracted to your fitness centre through appropriate propaganda. It is hoped that by taking up social responsibility, your fitness centre will be more prominent in society subsequently.

Any support will be highly appreciated by us. If you have any questions regarding our school, please feel free to contact us through my email, chriswong@email.

Yours faithfully, Chris Wong Chairperson of the Sports Club, ABC School

Speech

4A Chloe Lau

Good morning, Principal, teachers and my dear fellow schoolmates,

I am Chris Wong, who is serving as the President of the Students Union as well as the chairperson of the Annual School Fair Organising Committee. To start off, I'd like to ask you a paramount question: are you currently engulfed in a state of dullness, desperately seeking some exhilarating activities to join? If your response is a resounding yes, then I have a fantastic piece of news for you! Welcome to our highly anticipated Annual School Fair!

Our Annual School Fair will be hosted on the 29th of May from 12pm to 4pm in our school. The purpose of this event is to enhance your secondary school life experience and foster a stronger sense of belonging within our school community. What makes this event even more special is that the \$10 ticket proceeds will be donated to the community centre in the neighborhood. Your generous contributions will also be utilized to improve the facilities of our school, in pursuit of creating a better learning environment for all of us. By attending the fair, not only will you have a fantastic time, but you also will be making a positive impact on our school community. Apart from that, the tickets are sold on a first-come-first-served basis. So you need to be quick!

You may wonder what's around the corner! The momentous event is not merely an ordinary activity. Our school fair boasts an array of diverse game stalls, amazing performances and some DIY workshops where you can unleash your creativity and craft your own unique creations! One of the highlights of the Annual School Fair is a charity food stall where you can delve into the art of dumpling-making organized by our Cookery Club. Yes, you can make the dumplings by yourself! You can place the exquisite fillings into pre-kneaded flour. It's a joyful and interactive culinary endeavor! Additionally, the ingredients are entirely organic and chemical-free; and I promise that you will love it.

While your taste buds eagerly anticipate the dumplings to be cooked to perfection, welcome to immerse yourself entirely in the traditional Chinese paper-cutting organized by Chinese Cultural Club. The Cookery Club will be collaborating with Chinese Cultural Club to provide you with a more fascinating experience! The club members will guide you to craft intricate designs, including some adorable animals like cats and rabbits. What is more, they will also guide you to craft the auspicious character 'Fu', which symbolizes blessing and good fortune. Another highlight of the Annual School Fair is that we will hold an exhilarating alumni football game. The Alumni football match will be so thrilling that high tension will certainly be created in our covered playground from 2pm to 4pm. So come and cheer for the alumni team! We will also indulge ourselves in a variety of delectable snacks, such as vegan burgers, mouth-watering desserts and organic tea. You can enjoy the excellent vibe of the match while savoring the tasty delicacies. Furthermore, during this thrilling period, you can actively participate by voting for your favorite team. If the team you support emerges victorious, you'll have the chance to win the aesthetic and astounding prizes through Lucky Wheel! These activities are meticulously curated by our club members and teachers, so come and join us to enjoy our students' creations in order to have a more incredible time with your schoolmates!

Hearing that you want to help out at the annual fair? No problem! Being a volunteer is an opportunity too meaningful for every one of you to miss! We need some tour guides for visitors, helpers to run the game booths and some performers. While we encourage everyone to register to be a helper, we kindly request that F.1 students refrain from applying to ensure your safety. However, you are more than welcome to attend and enjoy the event as a visitor. Those who help out at the fair will not only get a merit, but they can also enhance the sense of belonging to our campus community. Seize this opportunity to engage in it! If you are interested, feel free to contact me through the email on the fair poster or Google form.

That's all for today's sharing. Last but not least, my dear schoolmates, don't forget to invite our family and friends to join our Annual School Fair! See you.

Speech

4A Karen Chen

Good morning, Principal, teachers and fellow students,

I'm Chris Wong. On behalf of the Student Union, I am glad to announce that our school is going to hold the Annual School Fair on 29 May 2021. Can you guess what the theme of this year's fair is? Look at the poster! Yes, it is "environmentally friendly"! I'd like to invite everybody to join me at our school's Annual Fair. Let me share some details about it!

Hosting the fair, we aim to call for donations for our school's future events and a few charities in our neighborhood. What's more, we would like to take this opportunity to convey the important message of being environmentally friendly to participants like you, your friends and your parents. To participate in the fair, you need to buy a ticket, which costs \$10, from the Students Union.

One of the highlights of the Annual School Fair is the food stalls featuring organic fruits and sandwiches in the school hall. The sandwiches, which will be prepared by the Cooker Club members, are made with organic cabbages and tomatoes planted in the rooftop garden by the Gardening Club members. Apart from the sandwiches, we offer some frozen fruits. One of the food stalls will offer yummy blended smoothie drinks made with 5 types of seasonal fruits, namely blueberries, mangos, strawberries, bananas and avocados. They are all grown in our rooftop garden. I'm sure there will be enough fruits to satisfy every participant's choice.

Besides, there is another event! We offer an opportunity for you and your friends to share the joy of hand-making a bag – DIY Bag Design. You are welcome to join the arts and crafts activity held in the activity room. Our school will order a certain amount of bags that are made of organic fabrics and materials. A variety of paints will be provided for you to design your dream bag. We hope this activity can raise awareness of reusable bags.

Aren't you excited about the amazing activities of the fair? Come and join us. We are also recruiting student helpers for the welcoming team, fruit-picking team, game masters, arts and crafts designers and alumni football match. Your help will make a significant difference to our event. If you are interested, please don't hesitate to contact Chris Wong at chriswong@hkbs.edu.hk.

Hope to see you at our Annual School Fair. Thank you.

Exploring the Latest Pop Culture Trends at Your Fingertips

4A Karen Chen

In an increasingly globalized world, people can receive news and information online from the Internet, in addition to traditional newspaper and print magazines. As a teenager, I also prefer blogs and social media over newspapers and magazines to get to know the latest trends in pop culture on account of convenience. Nowadays, we can easily share the information with family and friends. The Internet has become an essential part of our lives by virtue of the advanced development of technology. There are two areas of pop culture that particularly interest me: food and drinks, and style and beauty. Let's take a closer look into these two areas.

In regard to food and drinks (Topic-introducing phrase), one of the popular platforms for getting up-to-date information in this aspect is Open Rice (Topic sentence). There is a common belief that the cuisine recommended by foodies is not always as delicious as they claim. Some foodies may receive money rewards to write favorable reviews, making their opinions less trustworthy. What people truly desire is an honest and unbiased review, not a promotional one. It is true that Open Rice is filled with truthful food reviews written by real customers of the restaurants, ensuring that there is no exaggeration. People can completely rely on the food reviews posted there. Additionally, that Open Rice provides a weekly ranking of the most popular restaurants is fascinating. It allows us to keep track of the newest trends so we can visit restaurants that are currently in vogue. Sometimes, certain newly opened restaurants even offer discounts when customers make a

reservation at Open Rice. If you enjoy food and drinks, using Open Rice is a must as you would not want to miss out any available discounts and trendy eateries!

When it comes to style and beauty (Topic-introducing phrase), Instagram stands as one of the popular platforms for obtaining up-tothe-minute information in this aspect (Topic sentence). Undoubtedly, short videos have gained significant influence in the marketing industry in recent years, which makes short videos just seem ubiquitous. Instagram is brimming with a plethora of such videos, with a particular focus on style and beauty. In terms of makeup, there are several influencers, such as jojoshica, ponysmakeup and anda-channel. They share valuable tips on the latest makeup trends, often leaning towards the Korean style. IT has captivated many teenagers since the popularity of K-pop and K-drama has contributed to the widespread appeal of the Korean style among teenagers. Furthermore, for styling, Instagram offers numerous online shops that sell fashionable clothes. One example is my favourite IG shop, little-breezee, which specializes in Korean and Japanese fashion. They frequently share outfit ideas integrating the latest elements. For instance, ribbon is one of the prevalent fashion items thus year. The short videos featuring outfit ideas serve as inspiration for many individuals to enhance their personal style. If you are looking to revamp your wardrobe, following such IG shops can provide valuable insights into the latest popular trends.

All in all, it has become convenient to gain in-depth insight into the latest trends in pop culture nowadays. With a simple click on the Internet, you can search for the information you are interested in

anywhere and anytime. It is convinced that technology will continue to evolve over time, making it even easier to access information.

Public Speaking

Reading Widely is the Only Way to Broaden the Mind 75th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival Public Speaking Solo Secondary 3 and 4 – Champion

3A Jeremy Kwok

Good afternoon everyone! Welcome to this Study Group Meeting! How's your day? Some of you told me that you are stressed because of homework and tests. You don't want to read a textbook. Let's take a break from textbooks then!

In fact, many teenagers neglect the joy of reading. Actually, when you enjoy reading, reading widely is joyful. I also want to emphasize the essentiality of reading. In fact, reading widely is the only way to broaden the mind. It can truly lead our minds to develop. Some of you may not believe this. Let me use some examples in the art fields to explain that.

I think you all know who Beethoven is, a famous classical musician. Some of the compositions are amazing and ever-lasting. For example, Ode to Joy. (humm some tunes...) If we can comprehend the harmonious and colorful melodies and tunes, we can absolutely enjoy his creations. However, what are the meanings and sentiments behind his creations? How can we appreciate the messages he tries to convey?

By reading Beethoven's letters and diary entries, we can see through his life experience and read his soul. He was born in the 18th century. He read a poem "Ode to Joy", about freedom and human happiness. He was attracted to it. The French Revolution started when Beethoven was about 20 years old. However, the hopeful revolution turned to

chaos and violence. He confessed in his diary that he suffered from wars and deafness. He turned the poem "Ode to Joy" to a symphony representing the universal brotherhood against war and desperation. It is about having hope in the darkness and gathering together through wars and fights. Indeed, the composition of "Ode to Joy" is not only about happiness, but a deeper meaning strongly related to his personal experience with the French Revolution.

Yes! There is a huge story behind this masterpiece! By reading, we can understand the stories behind art creations. Read deep into the artists' souls, build up a connection between your feelings and the composers' minds. Using their art as a medium to soak deep into their intensity, history and culture. The knowledge and information enhanced would broaden our mind and expand it to the next level of appreciation.

Besides music, let's talk about paintings. Van Gogh is a world famous artist. Let's talk about one of his famous paintings, Starry Night. Your sight might get caught by the vibrant and colorful color combination. Actually, is it just what a night looked like from Van Gogh's perspective?

The painting was painted in an asylum in France. If you read the exhibition notes of this famous painting, you will discover more about Van Gogh's life and the letters he wrote to his brother. You will know that this painting is the view of the bedroom in the asylum. From his letters, he said that he felt like he had attacks from melancholy. Actually, the swirling stars represent his inner struggle and his mental instability. If you read on, you will know that this painting is not just

a beautiful landscape, but a landscape to depict Van Gogh's struggling mind. Then, we can fully share his sentiments and experiences when appreciating his painting.

After this meeting, I hope you all can realize the power of reading. Just like the examples I mentioned above, through reading, we can understand the stories behind those artists. We can read deep in their souls and understand their artwork. Reading widely is the only way to broaden our mind when appreciating art. Apart from studying for tests and exams, reading has thousands of other advantages. Let's do some leisure reading! Thank you!

Reading Widely is the Only Way to Broaden the Mind 75th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival Public Speaking Solo Secondary 3 and 4 – 2nd runner up

4A Dorothy Lam

Good morning everyone, welcome to the first meeting of the history study group. I believe all of you must be interested in history, right? Today, I would like to discuss the most important aspect for historians to understand the past — reading.

Some of you may be wondering, 'Just reading books? That sounds so boring.' But fear not, because what historians define reading is not only reading those 'boring' historical records, articles but also doing some reading during sightseeing and investigating the historical relic. After scanning through those primary sources, they will read to understand and infer what happened in the past. It is crucial to emphasize that when studying history, one cannot focus on one narration. To truly grasp the full picture of the world, historians must read widely.

Let's imagine you are now an archaeologist who is in Egypt. You got a map and a book named "Ancient Record of Egypt", which is a compilation of all the extant hieroglyphic inscriptions. You find yourself standing in front of the towering pyramids with its mysterious hieroglyphs and the Great Sphinx of Giza, which has captivated the historians for centuries. What would you do to discover this remarkable civilization? Well, the first thing you would do is to read. You would carefully examine the hieroglyphic inscriptions on the walls of the pyramids. Each symbol, each word has a story to tell. By

decoding the hieroglyphics, you can uncover the mysteries of ancient Egypt. You will also read books written by experts in the field. These books provide valuable insight into the culture, religion and the life of the Egyptians. This information helps you to piece together the puzzle to form a picture of ancient Egypt. In fact, reading isn't limited to books alone. Besides reading, you would also need to go for fieldwork to read the environment. You would need to explore the ancient architectures from their houses, temples and the tombs. By closely examining the architecture, you can gain a deeper understanding of society thousands of years ago.

Moving back to our own city — Hong Kong, there is a famous historical relic, Sung Wong Toi. When it was initially discovered, it was just a stone with few words inscribed on it. Do you know how the researchers were able to find out the valuable meaning behind? Once again, reading plays a central role. Historians started by reading the stone itself, and they discovered that it may be a historical relic in the 13th century, which is the Sung dynasty. After that, they started to read lots of historical records and maps in the late 1200s. Eventually, they found out that the name Sung Wong Toi literally means Terrace of kings of the Sung dynasty. The stone is believed to have been a memorial to the last two boy emperors of the Southern Sung dynasty, who temporarily lived in Hong Kong from 1277 to 1279. Historians keep reading to uncover this remarkable and memorable piece of Hong Kong's history.

As Daniel J. Boorstin, a renowned American historian once said, 'By reading, we discover our world, our history, and ourselves.' Boorstin, who wrote extensively on American and world history, acknowledged

the importance of reading widely. Also, the examples I have shared today clearly demonstrate that reading is the only way for us to broaden our minds. So from now on, let's read widely. By doing so, we will discover some different topics that can expand our horizons and deepen our understanding of the world. Thank you.

Marrying for money

75th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival Public Speaking Solo Secondary 5 – 1st runner up

5A Zoe Wong

Good morning my dear Form1 girls! Time flies and it's almost the end of the school year. Did you reach all the goals you set this year? Or do you feel so lost for your future? Future always seems to be distant from us. Today, I want to talk about our future, the future of every young woman. In fact, I hope to break some of the myths about women's future.

Society tells us that a woman worries about the future until she gets a husband. Many parents told us girls should have a good marriage for good fortune. Thanks to fairy tales, the stereotype of a girl marrying a rich husband has been deeply rooted in society. However, is it really the future a girl desires? Life shouldn't come in one way! Girls shouldn't just wait for the luck to marry a rich husband. If marrying a man is the only way for a girl to get rich, is it better to be rich or lucky?

I advocate we girls need to build our own lives in order to make ourselves rich!

In the early 20th century, most women all around the world did not work outside the home, and those who did were primarily young and unmarried. In that era, just 20 percent of all women had a job, let alone a career. The fact that many women left work upon marriage reflected cultural norms, the limited options available to them, and legal strictures.

But nowadays, girls, you and I are receiving education. We get the right to have our own careers in pursuit of independent financial circumstances. Setting up your own business or working hard in a company would provide you with capital to access successful paths. You should create your own successful life without any concerns. Chase your dreams or unlock more skills - it all depends on you! Education and hard work will contribute to upper social mobility and wealth.

However, marrying a rich husband is a completely different story. About 150 years ago, in the UK, women who held property of any kind were required to give up all rights to it to their husbands on marriage. With continuing social progress, a long-running campaign by various women's groups led in 1870 to the Married Women's Property Act. Further campaigning resulted in an extension of this law in 1882 to allow married women to have complete personal control over all of their property. Can you imagine all your expenditures being restricted and your life no longer belongs to you! Back to today, when a woman chooses to marry a rich husband and rely on her husband financially, imagine it were you, you might have the entire life surrounding the rich husband and begging money for purchase.

Girls, my question here is - when we have the ability to make ourselves rich, why should we sit and wait for a rich man by luck?

By showing our own abilities as girls in various working fields, opportunities will be given as a result. Grasp the chances in building self-esteem as well as the growth in mindset. Eventually, respect and appreciation will be gained. Your values could be seen and there will

be success in your aspect. Marriage is no longer the lucky way for money. Indeed, your abilities and values are the utmost to determine your wealth.

Next, when you have bigger financial power, you have greater responsibility. According to the UNICEF, an estimated 640 million girls and women alive today were married in childhood because most of them had no choice but to marry for money. They or their families believe being able to marry for money is luck; it's an opportunity to improve their quality of life. Sadly, the truth is child marriage threatens the lives, well-being and futures of girls around the world. What if these girls could be empowered to make a living themselves, to be financially independent? With wealth by hard work, we have the discourse power of our marriage and the confidence to pursue our dreams. Our ultimate aim after being rich is to empower other girls in society to pursue equal communities.

Bowie Lam the founder and executive director of Teen's Key is one of the ladies we all should look up to! She is a self-made woman. After her graduation from university, she noticed a lack of resources in society for marginalized young women. In the hope to alleviate this circumstance, an NGO Teen's Key was founded in 2011 to provide a safe space that empowers young women to gain the confidence they need to realize their potential and have the freedom to choose their future. Up to now, more than 15,000 vulnerable young women have received support and the numbers keep rising. The needs of young women are seen by society and receive greater attention. Girls, with all our powers in this hall, impact on the issues could be made through

engaging in philanthropy for young vulnerable women like what Bowie Lam did.

Ladies, our fortune should be in our hands, not by luck. I advocate to break the myths of marrying for money. Serena Williams, a former American professional tennis player with four Olympic gold medals record once said 'Every woman's success should be an inspiration to another, we're strongest when we cheer each other on.' The myth of "being lucky to marry a rich guy" could come to an end now in our generation! With capital and ability, we should empower ourselves and advocate for other young women in the society to aim for a successful life, to pursue good wealth and fortune and to participate in philanthropy. Girls, be a girls role model in pursuit of a more equal world! Thank you.

The value of Money

75th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival Public Speaking Solo Secondary 5 – 2nd runner up

5B Agatha Cheung

Good morning principal, teachers, and my dear fellow form one students. Today is the 17th October, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, an opportunity for us to recognize and reflect on the issues of poverty and wealth disparity.

Try to imagine, if you were given two choices! Option A: a HKD500000 scholarship to study in a world-renowned university like Oxford, Cambridge, MIT. Option B: winning a lottery of HKD500,000 in cash. Which one would you choose?

Remember our school motto is to strive for excellence! We are privileged students studying in a respectable private school. Most of us come from affluent families. Our goal is to be in the top tier of society. Undoubtedly, a university degree at OxBridge or an Ivy school is our choice! Receiving quality education provides us with long-term benefits like academic profiles, social status, elite internship jobs, potentially outstanding careers and finances. By choosing education, we can get rich or richer!

However, people in low-income neighborhoods should choose to be lucky. A lottery of HKD500000 is genuinely lucky money to them! The lucky money enables them to solve problems instantly, for example, giving children basic education, providing clean water, providing basic health care, improving childhood nutrition, supporting

neigherhood enhancement, preventing child marriage, preventing human trafficking and many more. Indeed, some of the poor people need to be lucky to change a life!

The above exactly demonstrates the ideological differences caused by the wealth gap.

Accepting the money for being lucky is equivalent to succumbing to reality or solving real problems in impoverished areas. Let me explain why money plays a role for the poor in three aspects: the P-I-E, pie.

"P" means the pursuit of quality life. With cash capital, it improves people's quality of life by providing access to necessary medical equipment or equal educational opportunities. In different third world countries, many regions had problems with low education penetration and school-age children out of school. Recent data showed that 35% of children in some poor African nations had not received a primary school diploma. For the students in Hong Kong, it is a blessing that each of us is born with equal educational opportunities, with 12 years of free education. Yet, in less developed countries, this is regarded as a luxury. In fact, a HKD500000 scholarship in Yale doesn't solve all problems in the developed country, but a HKD500000 cash or funding can solve the problems of insufficient resources in education for thousands of people.

"I" means the implementation of charity work. Chuck Feeney has donated a total of US\$6.3 billion, known as the James Bond of philanthropy. But does being rich imply that he lives a worry-free and prosperous life? On the contrary, he and his wife live in a rented one-

bedroom apartment in San Francisco. With no vehicles, no brand of clothes. They wear plastic watches they bought from street vendors. Feeney funded the construction of many public welfare buildings but insisted on not leaving his name behind. This is the highest level that money can achieve. He doesn't use money to make him richer; he uses money as a blessing. Think about those in need who are lucky to be benefited. There is no doubt that people can get extra wealth, but how many people are willing to donate this grace easily?

"E" means the enhancement in pursuit of dreams. Elon Musk is a brilliant entrepreneur and innovator known for pursuing his dreams and pushing the boundaries of technology. Elon Musk is one of the founders of SpaceX. He dreams of sending humans to Mars and establishing permanent colonies, providing more possibilities for the future of human civilization. But all these need a big amount of investment money. With the blessing of money, namely being rich, it is not impossible to successfully harvest and fulfill your dreams. In this final analysis, as long as you have enough money, you can lay a stable foundation for yourself and pursue your dreams. We cannot just rely on luck to pursue dreams.

Boys and girls, maybe HKD500000 adds icing on the cake to your life and creates different chances and experiences for you. Money can also be a treasure chest, which contains many precious qualities, including the ability to improve others' capacities, the virtue of dedication to others, and the enthusiasm to pursue dreams.

My dear form one students, Ayn Rand once said, 'money is only a tool, it will take you everywhere you wish, but it will not replace you as the

driver.' To certain people, it's better to be rich. To some people, it's better to be lucky to have real money.

I hope each one of us can analyze things in life from two or even more perspectives. Do not just stay in your own sphere. Perhaps this is a way to truly understand various social affairs, for example, the wealth gap. Thank you.

Knowledge is better stored in the human brain than in a laptop

75th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival Public Speaking Team Open Secondary 1-3 – Champion

> 3A Lo Ho Wai 3A Kwok Tsz Long Jeremy 3A Koon Tsz Ling

1st Speaker Casper Lo - the MC of the Education Export

Good afternoon, teachers, parents and students. I am Casper Lo, the MC of today's Education Expo. We are absolutely delighted and grateful that all of you have come to participate in this programme.

The topic of this seminar is: knowledge is better stored in the human brain than in a laptop. Nowadays, it's not uncommon to see students using laptops, iPads and tablets for learning and acquiring knowledge. While electronic devices bring convenience to students' lives, can computers really replace teachers?

We are honored to have Professor Jeremy Kwok from the Department of Neurolinguistics of The Hong Kong University with us today. Professor Kwok will offer his insights into the debate on whether knowledge is better stored in the human brain than in a laptop! The professor will also talk about the connection between education and the uniqueness of the human brain. Ladies and gentlemen, a big round of applause please - Profess-or, Je-remy, KWOK!

2nd Speaker Jeremy Kwok - Professor of HKU

Thank you Casper! Good afternoon everyone! I'm Professor Jeremy from The Hong Kong University. My academic research mainly focuses on computer science, neurolinguistics, as well as the structure and functioning of the brain.

Before I start, let me ask all of you a question: How often do you use a laptop as a tool to acquire knowledge? Since the 1980s, laptops have become useful tools in our everyday learning, from information processing to e-visiting the British Museum! We can simply surf the Internet and pore over as much quality material as we like or browse endlessly in all kinds of different directions. We can do this because the information never stops flowing and it is all just a few clicks of an electronic mouse away. And a second revolution in computer technology has just begun as well: the application of Chat GPT, Siri and other AI tools to education has already begun. These tools can assist and provide us with new knowledge of the world instantly. Compared with a few taps on a keyboard to direct a search engine, our brain is much less efficient. It takes the brain much more time to solicit the specific information we have stored in it. Some information and knowledge might even have been forgotten or distorted by our emotions, graphic detailing and thoughts. As a result, the knowledge and information extracted from our brain could be less objective. Indeed, our teachers even occasionally make mistakes when responding to students' questions. So as regards AI's application and use in education and taking all of the above observations into consideration, it would seem logical to conclude that knowledge would be better stored in a laptop than in a human brain.

However, the human brain is complex and has hidden advantages. It also has plenty of irreplaceable features. Our ingenious brain processes emotions, for example. On the contrary, computers, artificial intelligence and all of the other electronic tools we have do not feel emotions or have thoughts of their own. In schools, students are the recipients of knowledge. Students are humans. Students have feelings.... Students, at a young age, are vulnerable and rather passive in the transformation process of knowledge. Teachers can offer flexibility and ample mental support during the learning process. And in this way we see that in education it is computers that do not have the ability to build connections, not humans!

Learning is a process through which better-informed subjects pass on knowledge and skills and ultimately influence the attitudes, decisions and actions of learners. Considering the benefits to the knowledge receivers, namely students, knowledge is better stored in a human brain than in a laptop. Let me give you some more examples: Students demand mental support when they are facing academic pressure, family issues and an unpredictable future. Teachers are experienced and caring. Thus, teachers can help students manage feelings of anxiety, and instruct them on ways to adopt a better mental framework, and drive learning in a joyful manner. Take myself as an example, I once felt stressed and confused as a secondary student before I got the expert support of my class teacher. We talked about the sweet and sour sides of life. The conversation helped alleviate my stress. Eventually my mindset turned, and I was able to find peace, and get back on track enjoying my learning journey again.

When we apply knowledge to our daily lives, knowledge is also better solicited from a human brain than from a laptop. First, teachers have their personal encounters with regard to certain ethical knowledge and sensitive information. Their stories and insights can facilitate students' attitudes, cognitive behavior and responses to certain topics. Second, while students are intrigued by the limitless state of knowledge and get lost, teachers are able to guide them towards inquiry and what they really need to know. Teachers can help us refine our research skills and the methods of investigation that we use. Third, the human brain makes quick responses to real-life issues. A well-educated British girl, Tilly Smith, traveled to Thailand. Sitting on a beach, she noticed that the water suddenly started to recede. She reacted quickly and made a call for people to evacuate. It was Tilly's knowledge about the warning signs of tsunamis that possibly saved thousands of people's lives!

Students will become the pillars of future society. The hopes of society, nations and, indeed, the entire planet rest with them. Quality education is crucial in nurturing these future pillars. Computers, laptops and artificial intelligence are tools to facilitate our learning, but can they really contribute to customizing a student's learning progress and the application of knowledge? On the contrary, teachers are in a better position to do these jobs. We must recognize and respect the presence of human teachers in the chain of knowledge. Again, let me say, knowledge is better stored in the human brain than in a laptop.

I have come to the end of my talk. Thank you!

3rd Speaker Sharleen Koon - The Organiser of the Education Expo

Thank you Professor Jeremy for your informative and expert sharing; it was marvelous! I am Miss Sharleen Koon, the organizer of the Education Expo. I'm sure that all of you have learnt a lot from Professor Jeremy Kwok. And I believe he has clearly explained the benefits of students' receiving knowledge from a human teacher and rebutted some of the fallacies around the idea of the superiority of learning with computers.

The computer is definitely a powerful, functional tool that we can operate to receive information. However, an educator as a human is actually more helpful in dealing with students' personal development and mental approach to life - both essential aspects in an effective learning journey. Replacing the teacher with a computer will be a careless decision. Revisiting and evaluating the teachers' role in ensuring quality education brings me to the conclusion that we definitely need a human brain to store, process, transform, and transmit knowledge.

So, my dear audience, we must treasure the precious time we spend receiving education from human teachers. What's more, we can learn about the application of knowledge, develop our morality and nurture our common sense better through face-to-face interaction with real people. All in all, there is no doubt in my mind that knowledge is better stored in a human brain than in a laptop.

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you again for joining the Education Expo. That's all I want to say.

It is not the planet that needs saving, it is LIFE on the planet that is most at risk

75th Hong Kong Schools Speech Festival Public Speaking Team Open Secondary 4-6 - Champion

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1st Speaker (MC) – Zoe Wong

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen! And thank you all for joining us tonight in this grand hall today! I'm Zoe Wong, the MC of today's movie premiere. The title of the movie is 'The Devastating'. We will begin with an introduction of the movie by the director, Ms. Dorothy Lam, and this will be followed by a remark to be made by the investor, Ms Agatha Cheung.

Without further ado, I wish now to introduce the director. By the age of 35, Ms. Dorothy Lam had already received high honors in the film profession and been hailed a genius director. Over a period of ten years, she directed more than 10 movies with 3 of them being nominated for Oscars - in 2013, 2015 and 2021 respectively. With films embracing future society and truly striking a chord with audiences, she has also established herself as one of the most influential directors in Asia.

'The Devastating' depicts a catastrophic flood in the world of 2050. As the maker of this masterpiece, can Ms Lam tell us what the

inspiration was behind it? And, if faced with the same dire straits, facing the last moment of your life, what would you do?

The director of The Devastating, Ms. Lam is here to give you her answers to these questions. Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome the director; give her a big round of applause please: Ms. Dorothy Lam!

2nd Speaker (director) - Dorothy Lam

My dear fellow viewers, fans and journalists. Thank you all for coming to the premiere of the movie, The Devastating! As the director of this film, it's an honor for me to be here, and share my ideas with you all.

The film's background story is a catastrophic flood caused by extreme weather due to the long-term impacts of global warming accelerated by CO2 emissions! The inspiration for this movie came to me through two separate events.

The first: ... one day, while I was driving to a studio in London, I came across a BBC radio broadcast on 'fast fashion', which explored, specifically, the details of the production of jeans. What amazed and astonished me was that every single pair of jeans emits 33.4kg of CO2 during the production process. What exactly is 33.4kg of CO2? This is equivalent to the weight of a child! It's equal to the amount of CO2 absorption of a tree in 1.3 years. It is difficult, if not impossible for trees to offset the carbon emissions of jean production, let alone the carbon emissions of piles of clothes in numerous shops. At that very moment, I looked at the jeans I was wearing and my heart got tied up in countless tangles and struggles. I started to realise which human

activities contribute to climate change, and started to feel guilty about my own personal impact on the world's climate. Not long after that, I decided I wanted to make a movie that would build a socio-emotional connection between my audience and this profoundly important global issue.

Fast forward one week and I'm in Hong Kong visiting my family when suddenly Super Typhoon Mangkhut hits: the most intense typhoon to affect Hong Kong since Typhoon Ellen in 1983. There were over 1,000 reports of flooding in just two days. There were also landslides; roads were blocked; just about every service was cancelled; shops were shut; thousands of trees were uprooted and lay scattered on the ground across the territory for weeks after. Witnessing all the chaos through a window in my bedroom, it really dawned on me just how fragile our lives are in the midst of extreme weather. ... Next thing, like magic, I'm back in LA and I'm writing; I feel I have a compelling hook for a story, and I'm hoping I'm going to be able to raise awareness of the threats of extreme weather to individual lives.

The story is set in the world of 2050. Human beings have consumed the earth's energy stocks wantonly, and ignored the extremely high price behind it. As a consequence of humans' selfish behavior, carbon emissions have by then reached excessive levels, and an unprecedented and devastating flood occurs. Due to a rise in temperature, the polar ice caps completely melt in just 2 short years. All lands on Earth become submerged and no one escapes the disaster. In the end, the entire planet turns into a silent water vessel without any Life on it whatsoever.

Imagine that: while this water planet still continuously and indefinitely revolves around the Sun, human beings are no longer part of it:... extinct, dead, gone forever from this universe! The Earth itself is still a planet in the solar system; it still exists. But what about us? After all was said and done, it was us, human beings, who were the ones really at risk!

Ladies and gentlemen, the risk of going extinct due to excessive carbon emissions is real - the countless recent extreme weather events are telling us so. Human extinction might not be a favourable ending for a popular movie, but as a director who conveys stories of reality, I chose to highlight a real threat rather than sugar-coat it with a happy ending. My dear friends, it is also your choice. Let's put an end to the behaviors that have contributed a hefty amount to the emissions of greenhouse gases. The earth will evolve to survive by the rule of nature; however, we are also at risk, and we need to use our own hands to save our own lives!

The former US's Vice President Al Gore sounded the alarm bells on the effects of global climate change in one of the most talked-about documentaries, An Inconvenient Truth. Al Gore quotes, "You see that pale, blue dot? That's us. We have the ability to do this. Each one of us is a cause of global warming, but each of us can make choices to change that." His words were wise.

Before I end my speech, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the biggest investor in our movie, The Devastating, Ms Agatha Cheung. Her support has been indispensable, and has directly led to the successful release of this film. Everyone, please give Agatha a big round of applause!

And my thanks once again to all of you for supporting the movie!

3rd Speaker (investor) - Agatha Cheung

Good evening, ladies and gentleman! I couldn't even begin to tell you how proud I am to be here on this glorious night, to celebrate this glorious event. It's not often that a film would demand that you devote less time to entertainment, and more on reflections around the consequences of our daily actions: a call for humility. That's the whole reason for making The Devastating!

Dorothy found the right investor. I consider myself a survivor of the 2004 Indonesian tsunami. The feelings of hopelessness I had while caught up in that life-threatening tragedy were, before that day, unimaginable to me. In the face of these climate change impacts and risks, humans are vulnerable!

The movie released tonight serves as a powerful wake-up call on the urgency of addressing climate change. By highlighting the root cause of extreme weather events, the film enlightens us about what to do to save life on our planet. Remember, it is not the PLANET that needs saving, it is LIFE on the planet that does!

... Please join us in giving a big "Thanks" to Agatha one last time for both her outstanding film, and her efforts to bring into focus the critical need for action around the climate change issue. Thank you!

Debate Speeches

THBT (This House Believes That) South Korea should exempt top K-Pop stars from mandatory military service

2A Tan Edgar 3A Lau Bou Coeng Chance 4B Tin Cheuk Bun

Speaker 1: Tan Edgar

Ladies and gentlemen,

Today, our team affirms the motion "This house believes that South Korea should exempt top K-Pop stars from mandatory military service." We advocate for recognizing the exceptional success and influence of these artists based on our team's line, "Valuing diverse contributions."

In this debate, "top K-Pop stars" refer to highly successful and influential artists within the industry. They have achieved remarkable popularity with chart-topping hits, sold-out concerts, substantial fan bases, and numerous major music awards. We propose that the Korean government determines exemptions based on the stars' annual earnings and fan base size. These artists should earn millions of US dollars annually and possess one of the top 100 largest fandoms worldwide.

Top K-Pop stars serve as cultural ambassadors for Korea, representing the nation's music industry on the global stage. Considering their huge contributions, I am going to present how granting exemptions to K-pop stars from mandatory military service is a justifiable means of achieving equity. Our second speaker will elaborate on their significant cultural and economic impact, while our third speaker will summarize our case.

To justify fairness to the K-pop stars, let's first examine existing precedents. Korea already grants exemptions based on specific criteria. Exceptional athletes who achieve significant honors in international sports competitions, such as the Olympic Games or Asian Games, are eligible for exemptions. Athletes like Son Heung-min and Kim Yuna received exemptions for their outstanding performances, and rightfully so.

Similarly, musicians and artists with exceptional talent and achievements can be granted exemptions. Psy, whose global hit "Gangnam Style" took the world by storm, received an exemption due to his contributions as a singer, songwriter, and performer.

Moreover, exemptions are also extended to scientists and researchers who make significant contributions to critical areas of national interest. Hwang Woo-suk, Chung Un-chan, and Lee Sang-yup are prime examples of individuals whose exemptions were granted based on their notable achievements in science fields. Their work contributes to the advancement of knowledge and the betterment of society.

Considering the exemptions already granted to exceptional achievers in sports, music, and science, it is only fair to extend the same treatment to top K-Pop stars. Their impact on Korean culture and their

global reach cannot be underestimated. By exempting them from mandatory military service, we acknowledge their diverse contributions and ensure that they can continue to flourish as ambassadors of Korean music. Therefore, today's motion must stand. Thank you!

Speaker 2: Lau Bou Coeng Chance

Ladies and gentlemen,

We stand in favor of today's motion, and our team line is "Valuing diverse contributions."

Let me start with some rebuttals. (Rebuttals)

Now, back to my substantive. Exempting K-pop stars from mandatory military service acknowledges their cultural and economic contributions to Korea.

Culturally, K-pop stars serve as cultural ambassadors, promoting Korean culture and language globally. In fact, their international popularity is a crucial factor in soft power diplomacy. For example, BTS and EXO have achieved unprecedented success and gained massive followings worldwide, shaping positive impressions of Korea. Granting them exemption ensures their continued impact and enhances their soft power on the world stage.

Economically, K-pop's influence is reflected in the country's GDP. According to data from the Korea Creative Content Agency, the export

value of K-pop-related products and services increased from \$40 million in 2003 to over \$5 billion in 2018, with an annual growth rate of 31.9%. A report by the Hyundai Research Institute also showed that the K-pop industry contributed 1.7% to Korea's GDP in 2018, creating numerous job opportunities in sectors like music and fashion. The industry employs about 92,000 people in Korea, according to the Ministry of Culture, Sports, and Tourism. For example, BTS is attracting around 800,000 foreign tourists to Korea each year and is estimated to have generated economic effects worth \$32.6 billion US dollars over the past decade. What's more, the U.S. Modern Language Association found that partly because of the K-pop trend, more students in the U.S. are learning to speak Korean. It said that between 2006 and 2016, the number of university students enrolled in Korean almost doubled.

Interrupting the artists' careers for military service could hinder their contributions and potential growth. Therefore, exemptions should be granted, and today's motion must stand.

Speaker 3: Tin Cheuk Bun

Ladies and gentlemen,

Our team supports today's motion, and our team line is "Valuing diverse contributions."

Let me first rebut some of the points made by our opponent. (Rebuttals)

To sum up, our first speaker highlighted the exceptional success and influence of these artists, emphasizing the need to value their diverse contributions. Granting exemptions demonstrates fair treatment of these artists, similar to other outstanding athletes, musicians, and scientists who have been exempted.

Our second speaker discussed the cultural and economic contributions of K-pop stars, emphasizing the industry's exponential growth and the potential hindrance to their careers and economic impact if interrupted by military service. Granting exemptions recognizes the time-sensitive nature of their careers and ensures a level playing field for their pursuit of excellence.

With the diverse contributions K-pop stars have made, it is clear that today's motion must stand. Thank you.

In times of economic crisis, THW (this house would) abolish the minimum wage

3D Lai Tsz Lap 2A Tan Edgar 3A Lau Bou Coeng Chance

Speaker 1: Lai Tzs Lap

Ladies and gentlemen, we are against today's motion based on our team line: "Adjustment is better than abolition."

Firstly, I would like to respond to the points made by the first speaker on the affirmative side. (Rebuttals)

Returning to our case, in today's debate, I will explain why the motion encourages labor exploitation and why adjusting the minimum wage is better than abolishing it. Our second speaker will explain why the motion will worsen the economic crisis and present the advantages of our alternative. Our third speaker will summarize our case.

According to the International Labour Organization, the purpose of a minimum wage is to protect vulnerable workers against unreasonably low pay and reduce inequality.

If the minimum wage were abolished, low-income workers would be more prone to labor exploitation, especially during an economic crisis. Research conducted by the University of Nevada shows that companies' wage-setting power increases during a recession, which may eventually push wages down. The United Nations reports that during the 2008 financial crisis, workers who kept their jobs were forced to accept lower wages and benefits.

Without a binding minimum wage, employers would become too powerful and could exploit workers by offering excessively low wages to low-income workers. This would add insult to their injury since their income is already barely enough even with a minimum wage.

Clearly, today's motion turns a blind eye to the well-being of low-income workers. However, we recognize that some flexibility would be helpful. Therefore, we propose keeping the minimum wage but adjusting it based on actual economic and employment situations. For example, the exact amount can be decided by the government's head economist according to market data. If there is deflation during a crisis, we can consider lowering the minimum wage due to a decrease in the cost of living. However, if stagflation occurs, where inflation and recession happen simultaneously, we must keep the minimum wage at least at the current level. Our alternative helps strike a balance between workers' and employers' well-being, leading to a better situation.

Adjustment is better than abolition. Today's motion must fall. Thank you.

Speaker 2: 2A Tan Edgar

Ladies and gentlemen, we are against today's motion based on our team line: "Adjustment is better than abolition."

First, I would like to rebut some points made by the affirmative. (Rebuttals)

Returning to our case, the abolition of the minimum wage is counterproductive as it worsens the economic crisis. When wages decrease after the abolition of the minimum wage, it has a negative impact on individuals' consumption levels, further harming the economy. Marc Stier, the director of the Pennsylvania Budget & Policy Center, found that the minimum wage actually helped the US escape from the Great Depression in 1938. He discovered that a reasonable minimum wage level keeps our economy afloat by maintaining consumption levels. This idea is further supported by Todd Sorenson, a professor at the University of California, who found that wage cuts in a recession further decrease consumption, creating a vicious circle that prolongs the length of a recession.

Moreover, the lack of labor protection resulting from the abolition of the minimum wage can diminish work incentives. Research by UC Berkeley found that the minimum wage helps companies retain workers and reduce worker turnover rates. If workers receive unreasonable pay, they will be less motivated to work, reducing productivity and worsening the crisis.

Our alternative is to implement market-based adjustments based on prevailing economic conditions, such as inflation, productivity levels, and labor market conditions. By finding the best minimum wage levels in different situations, we can effectively address each unique economic crisis. Situational adjustment of the minimum wage is far more effective and beneficial than total abolition.

Today's motion must fall. Thank you.

Speaker 3: Lau Bou Coeng Chance

Ladies and gentlemen, we are against today's motion based on our team line: "Adjustment is better than abolition."

First, I would like to rebut some of the points made by the affirmative. (Rebuttals)

And now, in conclusion, our first speaker has explained why low-income workers are more prone to labor exploitation due to unequal negotiation power when there isn't a minimum wage during crises. He suggested a better alternative, which is adjusting the minimum wage rather than abolishing it, reinforcing our team line, "Adjustment is better than abolition."

Our second speaker explained why the abolition of the minimum wage is counterproductive because it reduces consumption and lowers work incentives. In addition, he emphasized why situational adjustment of the minimum wage is far more effective and beneficial than total abolition.

The minimum wage should be adjusted instead of abolished in times of crisis. Today's motion must fall. Thank you.

THR (This house regrets) the rise of cancel culture

2A Tan Edgar 3D Lai Tsz Lap

3A Lau Bou Coeng Chance

Speaker 1: Tan Edgar

Ladies and gentlemen,

We support today's motion based on our team line: "Cancel culture

harms intellectual progress."

First, I would like to define some key terms. According to the Cambridge Dictionary, "cancel culture" refers to the action of completely rejecting and removing all support for someone who has said or done something that has offended you or another person. And "regret" means to feel sorry about something wrong that has happened.

I will explain the negative impacts brought about by cancel culture. Our second speaker will explain why cancel culture fails to achieve its

intended purpose, while our third speaker will summarize our case.

Ladies and gentlemen, when cancel culture is prominent, people with

different opinions are forced to bow down to the noisy mob. For

instance, according to the Washington Post, the writer of the Harry

Potter series, J.K. Rowling, faced cancellation for voicing concerns

about women's rights. While Ms. Rowling's opinions may be

challenging to accept in some ways, should her whole career and life

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be destroyed? Do you really want to cancel all the joy her stories bring just because she is worried about women's rights?

Opinions on controversial issues are never going to align perfectly with each other. No one person or group should have the power to dictate what is considered socially right or wrong. Sadly, with cancel culture, supporters of one view only are given the power to demolish other people's lives. Do we need to constantly check if our opinions are "nice" every time we speak? Can I even open my mouth anymore?

As I said in the beginning, cancel culture is harming society and intellectual progress. The toxic nature of cancel culture creates such a chilling effect that people are even afraid to share thoughtful opinions out of fear of a mob crashing down on them. A 2023 survey conducted by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education found that 40% of people now prefer to keep quiet rather than expressing their true beliefs. People are living in fear!

Worse still, according to the Pew Research Center, 35% of cancellation attempts are excessive attacks that do not consider the intentions of the speaker. These attacks are fueled by outrage and lies. As former American presidents Trump and Obama have both said, cancel culture is simply "toxic" hate. It's one of the few things they agree on!

So, everybody, let the police do the policing, and let's use the internet the way it was intended to be used: for entertainment and learning, not for random cancellations! Cancel culture's effect on society is so harmful that today's motion must absolutely stand! Thank you!

Speaker 2: Lai Tzs Lap

We support today's motion based on our team line: "Cancel culture jeopardizes intellectual progress."

First, some rebuttals. (Rebuttals)

Returning to our case, cancel culture claims to achieve the noble purpose of improving society and intellectual progress, but that's a lie.

Cancel culture is commonly used as a weapon to shut down celebrities, even when they have done nothing wrong. Take Taylor Swift as an example: attacks against her keep happening, targeting her music, talent, romantic life, and most recently, disgusting deep fakes of her have been posted online. And what has she done wrong? Absolutely nothing! Her huge fan base has helped her survive, but not everyone is so lucky!

Furthermore, cancel culture brings about a vicious cycle: it fuels similar hate and oppression to what it claims to address. Psychologist Matt Glowiak suggests that the person facing cancellation will eventually retaliate, leading to a cycle of hatred, just as we see in America today between the left and the right. This results in pointless and angry cancellation battles between people with different opinions.

Secondly, cancel culture focuses on shame instead of accountability, as suggested by Business Insider. As our first speaker mentioned, cancelers force people to accept their views through a chilling effect instead of engaging in meaningful explanations of why their views are more preferable.

According to the BBC, JK Rowling even faced threats of violence because of her comments.

Cancel culture brings no positive impact on moral standards, as it replaces debate and meaningful conversation.

Today's motion must stand. Thank you.

Speaker 3: Lau Bou Coeng Chance

Ladies and gentlemen, let me reiterate our team line: "Cancel culture jeopardizes intellectual progress." (Rebuttals)

Now, let me summarize our team's case.

Our first speaker has explained the detrimental effects of cancel culture. It creates toxic tribalism where people supporting mainstream views suppress niche opinions and force conformity through group pressure. Additionally, cancel culture creates a chilling effect that makes people reluctant to voice their opinions due to fear of being canceled.

Our second speaker has explained why cancel culture fails to bring intellectual progress. It is ineffective as it leads to vengeance and retaliation, further polarizing opinions and resulting in meaningless cancellation battles. Furthermore, cancel culture focuses on shaming the target instead of fostering accountability and understanding.

At the end of the day, intellectual debate and discussion should be used to resolve differences in opinions. Sadly, people are abusing the application of cancel culture, jeopardizing the intellectual progress of our society. We regret the rise of cancel culture. Thank you.

文學佳作

在這個快節奏的現代社會中,我們常常迷失在繁雜的事務中,忽略了內心的聆聽和靈感的追尋。我相信,閱讀是一種重要的心靈修煉,能夠讓我們平靜下來,思考生活的本質和價值。

在這個文集中,我們可窺見不同作品背後的心靈寄託,也 是作者與讀者之間的一次相遇。文字是冰冷的,情感卻溫熱。 文集內的作品,或訴說著內心的矛盾與掙扎,或抒發著對美好 的渴望與追求。無論是歡樂還是哀愁,都是各人內心深處真實 的情感流露,希望能夠觸動大家的心靈,引發共鳴。

願大家抽出寶貴的時間閱讀這本文集,希望文字能夠觸動 您的心靈,啟發您的思考,並在您的生活中帶來一絲溫暖和力量。亦願大家閱畢闆上後,能繼續這個閱讀的旅程,與文字共 舞,與靈感相約,追尋更美好的夢。 眼鏡普遍認為最早出現在西元一二八九年,其作用是使人 看清事物,卻有這麼一副眼鏡,隨着人類的誕生一同出現。隨 着人們慢慢長大自然而然地長在每個人的臉上。

我順着路不急不緩地走著,些許零碎的聲音順着風悄然地 鑽入我的耳朵,十分微弱,令人聽得不真切。我不由自主地加 快了腳步,不消片刻,三個人影便映入眼簾,他們正在激烈地 爭論着甚麼,聲音正是他們傳出的。

其中一人穿着由粗布製成的短袖,袒露胸口,鼻子上托着一副造工粗糙的眼鏡,鏡片是赤紅色的。地上散落的木柴和他手上明顯經常使用的斧頭都暗示着他樵夫的身份。此人生得高大威猛,此刻更是面紅耳赤,面目猙獰,異常嚇人。渾厚如雷的聲音不斷從他口中傳出,「天底下哪有黑色的狐狸,你快讓開,我要為民除害,如果不趁早殺死這妖怪,天知道牠會禍害多少人。」

在他面前的是一個二十出頭的年青人,不論是身上洗得發白的長袍,一絲不苟的髮型,還是時不時從他口中說出的「者也」「之乎」都能看出這是一個讀書人。他的身形在樵夫面前顯得幼小單薄,他那還帶着一絲稚氣的臉上卻沒有懼色,一幅大義凜然的樣子,臉上的金絲眼鏡,令他顯得溫文儒雅,他倔

強的眼郎卻透過水藍色的鏡片直視樵夫。「就如同人有善惡之分,狐也一樣,萬一這是仙狐,就這樣被打死了,才是真正的 禍害天下。」書生不斷引用經文,意圖說服樵夫,但樵夫一介粗人,根本不吃這套,只是一遍又一遍地叫嚷着讓開,兩人就這樣雞同鴨講,誰也說服不了誰。

第三人是個富商,他身披華麗的錦衣,兩撇小鬍子打理得整齊得體,帶着一副小小的圓框眼鏡。手指上帶着數杖戒指,上面的寶石大得誇張,在陽光的照耀下反射出刺眼的光。他的手指輕輕地摩挲着,時不時看狐狸一眼,然後把小小的眼睛瞇成一條縫,說不出的狡猾。他沒有參與進兩人的對話,不知在心中打着甚麼算盤。這時他的視線突然落在我身上,提議道:「你們這樣下去也說不出個所以然,不如讓那邊的小兄弟評評理,不要白傷和氣。」

兩人爽快地同意了,於是我戴上了樵夫的眼鏡。眼前的世界之間發生了巨變,原本除了顏色和一般狐狸別無異樣的黑狐竟化作了一人高的巨獸,那雙赤紅的,佈滿惡意的雙眼死死地盯着我,張牙舞爪,咆哮時流出了利齒,上面佈滿刺眼的猩紅,不知道是哪個可憐蟲的血。轉頭,書生和富商也發生了變化,書生本來還算高大的身形如今卻單薄得如同一張紙弱不禁風,令人害怕他隨時倒下。瘦若竹竿的手上拿着一本經書,嘴唇上下開合,喋喋不休地念着經文。富商的變化更驚人,他駝背,肥胖,獐頭鼠目,如同一隻巨大的人形老鼠,右手拿着鞭子,左手則是金銀財寶,臉上是刻薄無情的冷笑。我嚇得連忙脫下眼鏡,趕快換上書生的那副。在戴上書生的眼鏡時,樵夫是野

蠻的原始人,富商是拿着秤,斤斤計較的小人,狐狸則化作一個仙風道骨的老人,自顧自地閱讀着經文。可我戴上富商的眼鏡時,兩人卻化作身無分文的乞丐,狐狸化作了大把大把的銀兩,金色的油水流滿了地。

最後,我脫下眼鏡,開始向前走,一步,兩步,三步,最 後停在了狐狸前面,本來模糊的影子清晰起來。我冷不防地伸 出手,在狐狸頭上抹了一把,牠猛地彈起,驚慌地逃跑了,全 然沒有神仙或妖怪的氣息。我出神地看着手中的狐毛,啞然失 笑,再次不急不緩地走着,身後再次傳來零碎的爭執聲,貌似 越演越烈,甚至傳出呼叫和求救的嘶吼,我卻不再感到好奇。

那隻真是狐狸嗎?你說是,便是了。

一本把我帶到很遠很遠的書

4D 周煒婷

吃完晚飯,我回到書桌前,小心翼翼地翻開面前的書,細細閱讀,仔細咀嚼其中文字,一時間竟入了迷,思緒間,我似乎被帶到了很遠很遠的地方……

「黃河萬里觸山動,盤渦轂轉秦地雷。」耳畔間響起了一個神秘的聲音。恍惚間,我似乎聽見了水的轟鳴聲。眼前豁然開朗,浮現在眼前的,是一條源源不斷,奔騰不息的巨大河流。湍急的水流內夾雜着不少黃色的泥沙。是了,這是由古至今一直撫育着我們的母親河——黃河。「巨靈咆哮擘兩山,洪波噴箭射東海。」我的面前緩緩顯現出河神巨靈的身影,巨靈大吼一聲,將首陽山和華山劈開,讓黃河之水噴流而過,直射東海。我撫上心臟處,此時此刻,我的心情不免跟着心潮澎湃起來。下一刻,巨靈將目光轉向我,我還沒有來得及反應,眼前的景象便模糊了。

天眩地轉之後,我發現自己竟身處在一戶草堂旁,身旁的 江流潺潺,頭頂樹葉簌簌,放眼望去,身邊竟有着大片大片的 花朵。「黃四娘家花滿蹊,千朵萬朵壓枝低。」一道男聲傳進 耳中,我抬眼望向來人,正是一個衣着樸素古裝的男子,他正 倚靠着江畔旁的護欄,眉間是放鬆的神情,正賞着花。「留連 戲蝶時時舞,自在嬌鶯恰恰啼。」我追隨他的目光望去,大片 大片的花朵壓的枝幹都彎了下來,而在花叢間,有許多小小的 蝴蝶棲息在花朵邊,不仔細觀察根本發覺得不了。微風吹過, 樹葉簌簌作響,落葉飄揚在空中,花朵的清香充斥鼻尖。我不 禁有些沉迷在此刻,本在江畔賞花的男子抬眼向我投來目光, 四目相對間,眼中帶着笑意。我剛想開口說什麼,下一瞬卻眼 前一黑。

再次醒來,是在一個夜晚。溫暖的春風吹拂在我臉上,我 瞧見遠處有一個亭子座落在汀旁,裡面有一個人影正靜靜地跳 望着猿方。我不自覺向亭子走去,目光卻落在了那人所望的方 向。這裡是江水流入大海的地方,江水奔騰過綠意盎然的森林, 穿過燈火繁華的地市,最後經過此處,與海水滙合。遠處的海 面波光粼粼,一輪明亮的月在空中高掛。「春江潮水褲海平, 海上明月共潮生……」我一時間入了迷,竟不自覺喃喃自語起 來。我距離亭子只有十寸的距離,那個人影似乎聽見了我的自 語,他轉身看向我,但他背着月光,在月光底下的臉模糊不清。 「灔灔隨波千萬里,何處春江無月明!」但他的聲音卻是清晰 的,他將目光從我臉上移開,投向不遠處,繼續朗聲道:「江 流宛轉繞芳甸, 月照花林皆似霞。」我隨着目光望去, 江水曲 曲折折地繞着花草叢生的原野,有幾朵花瓣上沾了小水珠,在 月光下折射出白色的光。那人還在繼續朗聲湧着,而我也迷浸 在這詩與景中,詩與景同共在眼前浮現,忽然,福至心靈,我 抬眼與那人對上目光,那是一雙清亮的眼,我們異口同聲: 「江畔何人初見月?江月何年初照人?」我們不約而同笑了, 那人又繼續吟着詩,待到最後一句落下,他朝我點頭示意,下 一秒便消失得蕩然無存。

回歸到現實中,我還久久未能釋懷,面前的書厚重,紙張邊角 也泛黃。剛剛發生的事情好似還在眼前,我好像真的回到了那 個,很遠很遠的風流盛世。天上明月高掛,「今人不見古時月, 今月曾經照古人」。輕吟罷,纔合上書,書面上赫然寫着《全 唐詩》三字。 如果我所希望的一切都能發生,那麼我希望這個世界上只 有春天這一個季節。

窗外的雪不斷落下,將世界蓋上純潔的白,可我卻厭惡極 了這一抹抹白,它將本就冷清的白色病房,映得更加慘淡,也 把你瘦削的臉龐,照得越發無氣息。在一片晃眼的白色下,我 只渴望百花爭艷的那些春天。

花兒們在挺過了寒徹筋骨的冬,低垂的頭便會在一陣陣夾帶着新氣息的風裏被慢慢撫起,新長的嫩芽盡情享受着泥土的滋潤,在一片若隱若現的春色裏,茁壯長大。每到春天,你就會格外關心陽台上的那幾株小花,每天掐着點給它們施肥,澆水,風大了便會把它們從外面拿進屋內,生怕那細細的根會被風截斷,風小了又趕緊拿出屋外,生怕照少了一點太陽。當那弱不禁風的綠葉旁冒出了淺粉的花苞,你便會不停蹦躂着,眉梢高高揚起,雀躍裏又帶些炫耀,高聲喊到:「我就知道付出了心血就會有回報!」

回憶至此,你那一聲聲歡喜彷彿還在耳邊迴盪着,但當魂 漸漸從那一場場春天裏歸來,才發現眼前的病房靜得可怕。為 防寒風,窗戶和門都緊緊閉着,一絲縫隙都沒有,空氣都被困 在了病房裏,不得流動。除我的呼吸聲外,只剩下監護儀無情 地「滴滴」響着。那冰冷的機器,連接着的是你被棉被蓋着, 薄得看不見形的身軀。你瘦得只剩一層皮的手上,滿是針孔, 又佈滿了青與紫色的瘀,那是你努力治療的痕跡。謹遵醫囑的 你,從不落下每一次檢查,不論身子有多虛,一點力氣都攢不 起來,你也會拖着潺弱的它到處走走,照太陽,也在風起時便 連忙添上衣裳,趕回屋內,生怕着涼。你付出了多少努力啊? 可為什麼病單上的字卻讓我越來越難以入目。是否只有到了生 機勃勃的春天,你才能再次揚起笑,喊出那句「回報」?

我記得,春天亦是自由的季節。那年春天,你趁着我放復活節假,帶我去了川西。我們拖着氣喘吁吁的身子,爬過了數不清多少的階梯,終於走到了山的最高處。那是廣袤的一片綠油油的草地,與沒有雲的天連在一起,一呼一吸間都是自由無拘束的氣息。我倆放肆地在那跑了起來,一隻黑色的鳥從你身旁劃過,帶走了你身旁的空氣,又發出一聲長嘯,向那天際飛了去。你的心被那聲縈繞的嘯聲一圈一圈地牽到了最高處,你忍不住拔起腿,忘卻了一切疲憊,隨着鳥兒奔去。你肩上的格子圍巾飄在你的身後,跟不上你的步伐,披散着的髮蕩着,藏在其下的是紅潤的臉蛋,和擁抱風的雙臂。你哪像個五旬的婦女?分明一副妙齡少女的模樣,如來去自如的鳥兒一般瀟灑。我多想再見一遍你不受拘束的模樣,可你是否灑脫過度,將自由落在了川西的春天?

眼前的你靜靜地躺在床上,尋不見一丁點逐風時的那活力, 臉上的紅潤也盡數成了蠟黃。在你身上再也沒有一絲鮮艷色彩, 只有那叫人憂鬱的藍色病號服。我看着你的身影,如何都無法 與那日瀟灑的你重疊。你本應該繼續像鳥兒一般自在的,卻為 何被困在了這尺寸的病房裏?你是否也感到委屈,想逃離這方 寸之地,將時間定格在那自由的春天?

你的生日也在春天裏,那是春的末端。其實,小時候我並不喜歡你的生日,因為那象徵着你臉上皺紋將又添一道,髮間 銀絲亦多生幾簇,也象徵着夏天的來臨。那黏糊糊的夏天最惹 人厭了,故我總是不期待你生日的到來。

可你蜷縮着的身軀告訴我寒冬的風太刺骨了,伴着病痛無休止地折磨着你,你已不知還撐得了多久。能否讓這世上只剩下溫潤的春天,細細地化去你每處神經的痛,為你注入生機,叫你的努力治療得到回報,讓你可以踏出病房與花和鳥一同生活在廣闊無垠的藍天下,讓你過多一個又一個的生日,讓你的歲命長一點,再長一點,讓你可以陪在我身邊,不會離去。如果四季只剩春天,如果世上只有春天這一個季節,這一切的一切,就都能實現了,是不是?

「媽,你回答我,如果沒有夏與冬,亦無蕭瑟的秋,只有 春天,你是否便能好起來,恢復成以前的你了?」

但床上的人兒緊閉着眼,不曾有任何回應,這使病房更顯死氣沉沉,空氣都凝固成冰刃,直插我的心。我摸了你的手,僅一秒,一陣冰涼便流到了我的四肢百骸,又不知窗何時被推開了,凛冽的風撩起我的衣擺,鑽進身子裏。霎時間,我如墜冰窖,且動彈不得。

如果只有一個季節,我希望是春天。可惜現在是寒冬便是 寒冬,可惜世上本就沒有「如果」,可惜我從始至終都沒能將 你從死神那裡奪回,永遠留在我身邊。 如果可以,我想要這盞路燈永遠鮮黃明亮,我想要燈下的 兩個身影永遠緊貼,她們挽着彼此,在這條長街上,永遠地走 着。

已經數不清多久沒回來過村裡。村巴在村口停下,我急急忙忙地將行李抬下來後,車子便又馬上向下一個村口趕去了,只剩我一人在風中茫然,看着眼前的景象,我一時生出了是否下錯站的疑惑。眼前,燈火稀疏,高高的路燈下只是沉寂,偶有淡薄的月光撒在地上,卻也終會被漆黑蓋去。可記憶中,好似不是這樣的。

一陣夜風吹來,樹葉沙沙搖曳的聲音,隨風飄進了我的耳畔,也帶我的思緒飄回了那個晚上。

「媽媽,我怕!我不要走這條路!」眼前的長街在路燈的 照耀下宛若白畫,可撒落在地上的樹影卻在風的慫恿下不斷晃 動着,彷彿在張牙舞爪,等待落入陷阱的小朋友。小小的我自 是輕易被它們的把戲嚇倒,站在街口遲遲不敢踏入,只死死地 抓着你的衣角,不停哭鬧。你忍不住輕佻,又慢慢地蹲了下來 為我撫去額前碎髮,緊緊握住了我的手,輕聲細語蓋過了風的 呼嘯聲傳入我的耳中:「媽牽着你一起走好嗎?無論這條街有 多長,媽媽永遠都會在你身邊的。」我呆呆地望着你充滿柔情 的眼眸,那裏面好像藏有無限魔力,將我深深地吸了進去,剎 那間,我不再哭鬧了,彷彿失了魂般,感受着你手心裏的溫熱,傻傻地跟在你身側。我看見,路燈的光撒在了你的身上,散落在你的耳垂、髮絲或肩上,那一刻你成為了夜中最耀眼的存在。我不再懼怕黑夜,不是因為路燈有多亮,而是因為你常在我身旁。長街燈下,一長一短的影子緊緊相依。

可這一切是從何時開始變化的呢?

那年初夏,我的個子悄悄竄了你的局,可你卻依舊守着從 前隨口的諾言,在街口等着我一天又一天。正與同學相談甚歡, 瞥眼間,卻看到了你急忙站起身與我招手,然後踩着碎步向我 跑來。我聽到同學的一聲淺笑,羞恥的紅色猛然竄上了臉,我 便趕忙與他們道別,然後徑直向長街走去,擦過了你的局。 「囡囡,你怎麼了?」你愕然怔在了原地,卻又馬上緩過神朝 我跑來,你大口喘着粗氣,卻也不敢放慢步伐,怕趕不上我。 我瞟見了你額上的汗珠,也聽出了你話語中的急切,可我不但 以沉默回應你,還加快了步伐交替的頻率。你歇了片刻,趕上 來了,我卻又走了。那不可言喻的叛逆心理,叫影子展開了追 塚戲。長街燈下,影子長短相若了,卻也慢慢變遠了。

直到那天, 燎忽然暗了。

「囡囡,你去到城裏一定要照顧好自己喔,別生病了。你也要記得常回家看看媽,實在沒時間,給媽多打兩個電話也行……」踩着高跟鞋的我,早已高出你一個頭,你為我拖着行李箱,嘴卻也不肯閑着,沿着這條長街,叮囑了整整一路。我卻只左

耳進右耳出,心思早已飄到大城市那邊,對你的話只隨意點頭應付着。到了長街的盡頭,也就是村口,你為我安放好行李,我坐上了村巴。你在車下,我在車上;你的眼神在我身上流連,我的眼神只在遠方;你不捨地揮手作最後的道別,我卻未曾看見,便隨着車子揚長而去。至此,長街燈下,只剩你一人的身影。

忽然又一陣風,直直往我臉上撲來,恍惚間,眼睛失了焦,眼前昏暗的路燈下,好像還有一個熟悉的身影在那等我。她貌似已經等了很久了,不止一、兩小時,而是一年、兩年、甚至更久,晚晚都在長街燈下,在刺骨的夜風中,將她的身軀吹得彎了再彎、將她的影子吹得淡了又淡。她站起來了,往街的另一方走去了,我連忙牽起行李箱朝她奔去。她是那樣的瘦弱,一步一步走得是那樣的慢,可我追啊、追啊……怎麼就追不到呢?

漸漸地,那身影淡在黑夜中了,我再也無法瞧見了。再回 頭看方才走的路,那上面本佈滿了我與母親的足跡,可現在, 怎就只剩我的落寞了?我不禁往那路燈旁靠去,光忽閃忽閃的, 撒在了我的眼前,好似還有你的氣息,卻又好似毫無你的痕跡, 我又不禁四面瞧着,可街太長了,我怎麼望都望不到盡頭,怎 麼望都望不到你。「嗞——」忽地電流聲傳來,燈,滅了,四 周完全陷入沉寂,伸手不見五指,更別說找你了。

其實我知道的,我再也找不到你了。長街燈下,只剩我一 人了。 世界上有什麼是永存的嗎?我總認為在不經意間,某些東西就會消失不見。

我放在床頭的那儲物箱,近來卻是如何都找不到了,彷彿 憑空消失了一半,看著空落落的床頭,我心裡也總感覺缺了一 塊。我坐在床沿,淚悄悄落下,視野逐漸模糊,門外一個矮小 的影子卻突然在我的餘光中竄過,手上抱著一個粉得扎眼的東 西……那正是我的儲物箱!

「弟弟!你為何盜走我的儲物箱!」或許是太過著急,我還未來得及將淚拭去,一句話便未經過腦子思考就彈了出來。弟弟聽到我的喊叫聲後,瞥了我一眼,卻是不以為然地跑走了。「喂!」我忍不住吼得更大聲了,誰知弟弟忽地便「哇」地哭了出來,響徹整個家,爺爺聽到便也走了過來,將弟弟擋在身後。

「吼什麼呢?你是姊姊就不能讓著弟弟嗎?不就一個破箱子嗎?你弟弟拿去又如何?有必要吼吼叫叫的嗎?」簡簡單單的一句話,十數個字,卻如傾盆而降的大雨瞬間將我眼裡的光撲滅了,還將我整個人淋得濕漉漉。萬般無措下,我只能跑回了房間,悄悄縮在一隅,心抽搐著,一下又一下地扯著全身的神經。淚痕已在不知何時布滿整個臉龐。明明以前不是這樣的。

十幾年前的一個烈日下,爺爺擔著小板凳坐在院子裡,穿著被汗濡濕了的恤衫,搗騰著什麼。小小的我看到眼前場景瞬間就起了興致,蹦蹦跳跳地跑過去。原來爺爺在弄一個儲物箱,那是米白色的木頭拼成的一個正方體,上面的小木刺已被爺爺磨得乾乾淨淨,變得好不平整。剛塗上的粉色顏料在太陽的照射下顯得刺眼極了,但上面的小熊卻一把留住了我的視線。

「爺爺,這是給我的嗎?你怎麼知道一心最喜歡小熊了!」

「因為爺爺是最瞭解一心的人呀!儲物箱可以保護放在箱 子裡的東西,爺爺也會一直呵護著、疼愛著一心的,好不好?」

「好!哈哈哈!」話畢,我便端起了那屬於我的儲物箱, 抱在了懷裡,雀躍著。

「哇!好漂亮的紙鶴!」回憶的畫面被門外的聲音打破, 我悄悄地將門扒開了一條縫,看著弟弟從儲物箱裡拿出紙鶴, 撲閃撲閃的大眼睛直勾勾地盯着它,又將它捧在手心裡,像捧 著什麼寶貝似的。爺爺看著弟弟歡喜的模樣,他那眼角似蜜糖 般甜的笑意,將我魂奪了去。那眸中的寵溺,我又怎麼會不認 得?不過那時,他懷裡抱著的,是我。

「爺爺,別人都有紙鶴玩,我也要我也要!」我剛放學甫開家門,鑰匙尚未拔出,便急著嚷嚷要爺爺給我紙鶴玩。坐在沙發上看報紙的爺爺聞聲咯咯地笑著,擠出了眼角的皺紋,取下了老花鏡,迎著向他走去的我。我在爺爺懷裡扭著身子撒潑,

不會摺紙鶴的他便也只能被我催著在報紙上撕了一張長方形出來,且在手機上翻找教程。一下、兩下……窗外的太陽不知在何時沒了影子,一隻滿是折痕的紙鶴也誕生了。它在一番折磨下成了風一吹便會倒的樣子,可我卻捧著他在客廳到處飛,而那時爺爺的眼神中,正是這般寵溺。而它如今不再屬於我。

「哇!畫上的人好酷呀!我也想這樣玩!」又一聲叫喊將 我從曾經的溫柔鄉裡扯了出來,叫我面對現實。弟弟翻著翻著, 翻出了那張畫。而畫上的場景,猶在眼前。

「哈哈哈哈!好高呀!爺爺,再跑快一點!」我坐在爺爺的肩膀上,雙腿緊緊扣住他的肩,雙手不斷撲騰著,假裝自己是一隻鷹,是天空的主宰者,在肆意翱翔著。爺爺則一手扶著我的膝,一手撐著我的背,腳下踩著碎步,為我的一場白日夢做足了後台工作。跑了一圈、兩圈……直到他額前的碎髮已盡被染濕,我才終於願意下來。他揉亂了我的劉海,嘴裡念叨著「小兔崽子」好似滿是嫌棄,而碰到我額頭的指尖卻滿是愛意。我想著將這美好的畫面永遠記住,我想,將它放在儲物箱它就永遠不會消失。可我哪想過儲物箱會被盜走?

一陣冷風吹來,刮得我臉生疼。再看眼前,爺爺輕輕點了 點弟弟的臉蛋,笑道:「你個小兔崽子,爺爺都一把老骨頭了, 哪還能玩得了這個?走吧,咱們出去玩。」言未既便將他攬入 了懷中,帶著他和儲物箱走了。 我看著爺爺抱著弟弟離去的背影,看著遠去的儲物箱,心底一陣苦澀又翻湧上來,我想追上前去索求回來,可不待我起身便傳來了一聲巨大的關門聲,「砰!」砍斷了我的念頭,無情地斬斷一切。

霎時間,它們都變成了雲煙散去了。那些即便我知道在哪, 可尋遍天涯海角也再無法尋到的,是被盜走的儲物箱。被盜走 的,曾以為永恆的愛。 清晨,整個世界是清涼的、寂靜的。在第一縷晨光刺破薄霧,東方的地平線泛起一絲光亮,新的一天從遠方的天空漸漸移過來時,我總會施施而行,坐在那棵梧桐樹下,瞧著陽光為大地鍍上金色,溫柔地喚起萬物生機。和煦的陽光透過樹葉間的罅隙灑落下來,在石磚路上鋪上點點金斑,晨風拂過,小草輕晃,金斑閃爍,這是最愜意的清晨。

一個約莫四五歲的小女孩扭著步子小跑過來,她站在大樹前,仰著頭怔怔地望著陽光從樹葉間灑落下來,金斑落在她的臉龐,照得她的臉紅彤彤的。倏然,她扭頭盯著我—— 一個坐在大樹下的,已然遲暮之年的老人家,問道:「為什麼這棵大樹會一直在這呢?我總是會看見它在這。」她的聲音甜糯糯的,我忍不住笑臉回到:「因為它從小就在這兒長大,它的根就在這兒啊。」她眨了兩下眼,似懂非懂地點頭,又問道:「那老爺爺您為什麼也總在這兒坐著呀?」

我一時沒反應過來,被小女孩突如其來的無端問題噎住 了,也眨了兩下眼,抿著唇,抬頭遙望無垠的天空,試圖從中 尋見答案,思緒逐漸蔓延,進入回憶的漩渦。

仍記得小時候,父親工作很忙,卻總會在早晨抽一些時間 帶我來這棵梧桐樹下坐一會兒。他說,清晨來這兒是最正好 的,陽光不太烈,沒什麼人經過,閉著眼享受這樣的寧靜,呼吸早晨清冷新鮮的空氣,能醒一醒腦子,對身體也有好處。但我卻覺得坐在那兒實在是太無聊了,父親與我都不善言辭,鮮少聊天,也沒有其他事情可以做,只能相顧無言地乾坐著。而且那時候的梧桐樹還沒有那麼高,遮不到多少的太陽,夏天的時候沒坐一會兒就會汗流浹背,冬天的時候坐在那更是冷得發顫。每當我催著父親離開時,他都會單手輕輕摟著我,拍拍我的肩膀,卻是緊繃著臉,用嚴肅的語氣說道:「再多坐一會兒,呼吸一下清晨的新鮮空氣,對身心有益。」為了不惹爸爸生氣,我只好耐著性子繼續乖乖地坐著,漸漸地,也養成了在早晨坐在大樹下的習慣,而這一坐就是二十年。

後來,父親病了,不再工作,我卻成了要工作上班的人,明明父親空閒的時間多了,我能陪他的時間卻少了,甚至不如小時候。我只能盡量抽出時間陪伴父親,在早晨時出門,去到那棵梧桐樹下坐著,只是有些地方稍微不同了。明明上次還能拄著拐杖自己走的父親,這次只能坐在輪椅讓我推著了。我仍記得有一次剛到春天,春意盎然,麻雀在梧桐樹枝上啼叫,襯得那樹的葉子綠極了。可是穿過樹葉罅隙的金斑灑在父親的銀絲上,卻是那麼晃眼,臉上歲月的溝壑變得分外明顯,眼眶凹陷,因為病痛的折磨父親整個人都瘦削了許多,叫人不忍去看。只是他依舊閉著眼,臉上依舊滿是享受,彷彿感受不到自己生命力的流逝,只是他這一副模樣更讓人感到痛心,眼中不免噙滿淚水。那一次,父親難得地主動開口和我說話:「允行,我很享受每次和你來這顆樹下坐著的時光。等我走了,你也別忘了要多來這棵大樹下坐坐啊。」可我卻沒有回應,好似

有根刺藏在心裡,牽引出一絲一縷地疼痛,淚水早已憋不住地 崩潰決堤,我死勁兒地咬著唇不讓自己哭出聲,免得父親聽見 了要為我擔心,我竟慶幸父親是閉著眼的,這才沒讓他看見我 的哭相。

父親葬禮那日,我的腦袋昏昏沈沈的,清晨便恍恍惚惚地出了門。天空是昏沈的,烏雲籠罩整片大地,風是窒悶的,壓得我喘不來氣。等到了大樹下我才突然醒覺,我竟然是下意識地來到了這地方。坐在大樹下,感覺似是周圍的一切都失去了生機,灰濛濛蒙一片,只覺得有什麼東西堵在胸口,心中空落落的,有些無措。我蜷縮在大樹旁,宛若依偎在父母懷裡的孩子,愣愣地望著些什麼,又好像什麼都沒看進去,腦海一片空白,只覺得鼻頭泛起一股酸意。忽地,一片枯黃的梧桐葉正巧落在我手中,我才從恍惚中回過神來,摩挲著那片枯葉,心中酸澀越發強烈,才知竟已到了秋季,這樣一個離別的季節。

父親去世後,有一段時間我都不想再去那棵梧桐樹底下坐著,好像這樣做就能逃避悲傷與事實,強硬地砍斷思念的枷鎖。只是後來我發覺,腦海中父親的身影越發模糊了,我才感覺到如臨大敵。但幸好,只要不再逃避,就好像以前一樣,在早晨,坐在梧桐樹下,我便能回憶起與父親的點點滴滴,儘管那些只是默默無言的陪伴。而仔細琢磨那些回憶,我這才從中發覺出父親細膩的關愛,他並不是真的喜歡那棵梧桐樹,而是為自己表達關愛和陪伴找了個途徑,因此就算工作繁忙,也會抽出早晨的時間來陪我。不善言辭的父親用行動暗戳戳地證明了他對我的愛,而我卻在經年後才發現這個事實。

我為什麼總是在這兒呢?是早已成了習慣?還是只是因為 父親生前說的那句話?大抵都是。但最重要的是,這棵梧桐 樹,不僅陪伴了我整個人生,底下埋藏著的,更是父親對我的 愛,而日月的思念,也使我對父親的懷念在此地扎根生長。我 常來此處,便是因為這個原因吧。

我轉過頭,揚起嘴角解答小女孩的問題:「因為曾經有個人對我說,坐在樹下,呼吸清晨的新鮮空氣,有益身心健康。」

「那個人是誰啊?」

「是我的父親。」

秋色旖旎,春光纏綿,兩年來看遍了晝夜的窗景,當初努力發芽的禿木如今已綠葉扶疏,韶光總在不經意間化為煙火, 化為流水,化為記憶,那曾經清晰明瞭的形狀也隨歲月流逝而 變得模糊。如今我變得越發徬徨無措,快樂的形狀到底是什麼?

從前,快樂於我而言,是方形的。我不愛玩其他女孩子鍾 愛的芭比娃娃,亦不喜歡那些男孩手中的變形金剛,卻唯愛那 放在玩具店裏總會因常年無人購買而落滿灰塵的積木。我喜愛 它們色彩各異,形狀卻都是有棱有角的正方或長方模樣。它們 是呆板的,本身並不富於變化,可我卻能發揮想像力,創造出 最獨特的,獨屬於我的世界。

小時候我總愛在餐桌上玩積木。將小正方形一個個地疊起來,全都緊緊地湊在一塊,變成了一面牆,一旁再放幾個長方體作柱子,最後將兩個長方體合併在一塊,便是大門了,就這樣一個城堡便誕生了。有時我更會在城堡前疊起大炮,假裝敵軍來犯,然後爸爸便會來演敵軍,用積木作炮彈,與我展開激烈的戰鬥,最終若是敵軍獲勝一一「砰!」我的城堡便會粉碎,爸爸便插着腰嘿嘿地笑着,我便不好意思地撓着頭,眼神卻滿是認真地說道:「看來我下次得好好加固城堡了,爸爸你等着瞧吧!」媽媽和姐姐在一旁默默看着,聞言卻也不禁噗嗤地哈哈笑起來。散落滿桌的積木,或許正沉浸在戰敗的悲傷中,但

隨着笑聲縈繞,卻也不由得更添艷色,方方正正的模樣也更讓 我雀躍。那時起,快樂在我心中是方形的。

長大了些後,餐桌上已再也沒有積木的身影,取而代之的 是一塊塊畫板。我愛畫板的模樣,更愛它看似的條條框框。拾 起畫筆,隨意沾取顏色,或是藍,或是綠,落筆時,就算沒有 藍天的深邃,也會有白雲的飄逸,就算沒有原野的芬芳,也會 有小草的翠綠。顏色選擇有限,畫板大小亦有限,可那又如何? 我心中天地無限遼闊,所作之畫也終會不受束縛。畫板置於我 眼前,可我卻總能衝破那所謂的限制,畫出我的世界,於其中 展翅高飛。長方而扁平的畫板,條條框框,實是無邊無際的自 由,是取之不盡的快樂。

我作畫時,媽媽與姐姐總會默默地坐在桌旁,不作聲,卻 也靜靜感受着我的世界,去看那雜花野草,感受其中的萬千滋 味。直至我停下筆,她們才將心中澎湃的情緒娓娓道來,給予 我無限讚美,將我誇得比天還高,我嘴角也藏不住內心的竊喜, 叫蘋果肌都笑得發酸。漸漸地,心中攢了一大罐的蜜。我想, 畫板能給我快樂,她們倆的貢獻也不可或缺。

長大後,我發現那紅色或金色大鈔更能為我帶來快樂,於 是借畫畫增了不少鈔票。我本慶幸着自己依然未改初心,快樂 的形狀仍是方形,可那藏身於黑暗中的時間,總在你一出神一 恍惚間,就奪走些什麼——這兩年來,我越發感覺不到何謂快 樂了。我為了掙得「快樂」,搬出了家,終日只在工作室裏埋 頭苦畫,為了迎合大眾審美,為了讓客戶給多些酬金,我一次 又一次放棄了那些能在風中疊成浪的漫山翠綠,能天上翻滾出 一片汪洋的雲朵。一方畫板,終是將我桎梏,我再也尋不見那 意氣風發的少年郎,尋不見快樂的形狀。

直到那日,我再無法忍受回了家,才終於又尋到它的蹤跡。

我拖着每一處筋骨、都已無任何力氣殘存的身軀回到了家,低垮着的嘴、耷拉着的眉,與了無神采的眼一下就把家中的目光都勾了過來。一聲聲「怎麼了」傳入耳畔,可我只勉強有力氣攤了在餐桌椅上,擠不出更多的力氣回應,斂眸之際,餐桌玻璃下褪色的照片映入眼簾,那是幾張畫有積木的畫作。條忽,猶如有一顆小石子落在心澗,泛開了細微的漣漪,可卻僅此而已,我不禁哽咽,猛然抬頭,想要哭訴,才發覺家人早已齊齊整整地住在了餐桌的另外三個位置上。

他們的眼眸中流露出特別溫暖的光芒,眼淚就像那一潭聖水般擁有神奇力量,叫沉寂已久的情緒有了破除枷鎖而出的跡象。一瞬間熟悉卻又陌生的感覺湧來,帶我回到了以往無數個日夜。我修築城堡時,堆砌大炮時,將畫板塗滿顏色時,享受讚美時,似乎亦有同樣的感覺在我身上流轉,只是那時不以為意,現在回首才發覺,其實無論何時,無論何事,總會有三股柔情似水的目光在我身上聚集。我在桌子的這個角,他們在另外三個角,是永遠不曾變換的方形。方形確實是呆板的,可當愛意在其中交匯,如密密麻麻的蜘蛛絲般織起我的方形世界,我便能於其中如脫韁野馬般恣意灑脫,做個無憂無慮的少年郎。

此時,我呆滯地盯着他們,眼裏不禁冒出淚花,一陣酸意 湧上鼻尖,嘴角忍不住抽動。快要按捺不住這兩年來積攢起的 委曲洪流時,姐姐突然笑道:「昔日英勇無比的積木戰士要哭 鼻子了嗎?」我忍不住破涕為笑,擦擦快要掉出來的淚,推了 一下坐在身旁的姐姐的肩,還似小時候般打鬧着,爸媽看着也 終於鬆了口氣。

此時我才知道,被愛的感覺無與倫比,一個眼神便勝過人 間數萬修辭,我不必去定義快樂,也不用精疲力盡地去追尋快 樂,因為快樂一直都在我身邊,而它也確實是方形,是我們一 家四口一起組成的方形。

6B 梁諾榆

「呀,怎麼頭上的白頭髮都這麼多了。」

平時沒留意,今天仔細一看才發覺歲月早已花白了我的頭髮,一根、兩根、三根……數來數去,手都舉累了,卻是怎樣也數不完。嘆了口氣,我放下了酸脹的手臂。我凝視鏡中人,她的第一根白髮是何時長出來的呢?思緒在千千萬萬的回憶中穿梭,蕩漾之間,落入二十多年前的一處漩渦。

剛懷上你的時候,好像整個身體都在與我作對。胃液無時無刻不在翻騰,如波濤般洶湧不斷刺激我的身體,聞見奇怪的味道,便一陣乾嘔,慌慌張張跑去洗手間,卻是怎麼吐也吐不出,唇色蒼白如紙,虛汗不停從額頭冒出,似上了岸的魚般無力地跪倒在馬桶旁,這是常有的事。又好似日日夜夜都有一雙冰冷無形的手緊緊攥著我的心臟,心口悶得像堵了一塊大石,整日虛浮無力,可是為了你,我不得不全部承受。半夜的頻頻起身,輾轉難眠,腰酸背痛,讓我的睡眠質量直線下降。那時候,我甚至能清楚地感覺到自己身上的能量在被一絲一毫地抽走,只剩一副半死不活的軀殼。

大概是你七個月的時間,我偶然發現自己頭上冒出一根白 頭髮,條地,心裡的某一道防線被撕破的聲音振聾發聵,彷彿 血液都靜止,世界都變得虛幻,只有淚情不自禁地滑出眼眶。 淚如兩下。我分明正值花信之年啊……

好在最後還是我堅持了下來。那一日,我一個人躺在手術台上,四周的牆成了無盡的黑暗,有如置身深淵,底下是血流成河,恍惚間我瞧見一扇黑漆漆的門,周圍縈繞著濃濃的死氣,剎那間,經歷過的所有病痛苦難在我眼前快速閃爍飛過。我正抬腿邁步,一陣啼哭聲便止住了我的行動。是你,喚醒了我。朦朧中,護士把你抱到我眼前:「恭喜你,是個健康的男孩兒。」那一刻我腦海裡只有一個想法——太好了。你好像從一出生就很乖,只哭了一會兒便停了,大大的眼睛四處張望探索這個新奇的世界,我的手撫上你的臉,用最後一絲力氣揚起嘴角。幸好你是健康的,那根白髮,好像也不算什麼了。

七年後,你的父親離世了。為了維持生計,給你交學費, 我常常一天同時做好幾份兼職。白天工作完,回家便要照顧你, 晝夜對我來說,好像再也沒有區別。得空閒下來時,才能放鬆 緊繃了一天的肌肉,陷進沙發裡,享受難得的夜晚靜謐。輕閉 眼簾,眼球一陣酸澀,肩膀上好似扛了千噸鐵—— 那是一個怎 樣也放不下重擔子,是必須付出的代價。我重重嘆了口氣,你 的聲音忽地在我耳邊響起:「媽媽,我來幫你按摩吧。」你溫熱 的小手輕輕搭在我肩上,捏著我肩頸酸痛處,力道剛剛好,你 說這是你特意跟按摩店的師傅學的。你掌心的溫度不斷傳入我 的身體裡,如一陣暖流,暖入心扉,瓦解了一層又一層的壓力。

「媽媽,你又多了幾根白髮。」你小聲呢喃著。

我心中一驚,糾結著該用怎樣的措辭回答你:「啊……媽媽沒事的,這是生命自然的過程,你終有一天也會經歷的。」 我語畢,你沈默不語,肩上的重量忽然輕了,那股暖意收了手,你淡淡地說要回房了,客廳中只留你拖曳的腳步聲。

後來,我偶然在床櫃裡發現你不知何時放進來的一封信。 信封是由作業紙摺成的,我想像到你摺這信封時的笨拙模樣, 不禁笑了出聲。信封裡放著一百塊錢,和一張信紙,你說——

媽媽,我知道你工作很辛苦,也因此長了很多白頭髮。其 實你不用那麼辛苦的,這是我考試全級第一得的獎學金,以後 就讓我來照顧您吧!

最後一句讀完,淚已落到嘴角處,我這才知道,原來淚也 能是甜的。一封輕飄飄的信,讓一切壓在我身上的重擔都煙消 雲散,變得無足輕重。我把那張紙抱在懷中,猶如抱著你,萬 籟俱靜中,只剩喜極而泣的嗚咽聲。那越來越多的白髮,也不 算什麼了。

歲月便是如此花白了我的秀髮的,可如今我早已經不在意。 要問為什麼?因為——

「媽!」你回來了。

「你猜我買了什麼?是糖炒栗子!你最愛的烤板栗!」你 手裡頭提著一大袋東西,連鞋也還來不及脫就得意洋洋地跟我 炫耀著,然後一蹦一跳地來到我的身旁,推著我在沙發上坐下來。我知你還有話要說,便只溫柔地凝視著你的雙眸。「媽,我來幫你剝。對了,你知道嗎……」你神采飛揚地與我分享一天的所見所聞,直到把板栗全都剝好了之後,才停下翕動已久的雙唇。在我享受著糖炒栗子那獨特的鐵鍋香氣以及甜滋滋的味道,你的手突然從我脖子後伸出,為我戴上一條金項鍊。我手指微微顫抖地捂著胸口的項鍊,瞪圓雙眸,眼眶閃爍著的晶瑩呼之欲出,你用微揚的嘴角回應我的怔愣,直到片刻後你看見我滑落的淚珠,才慌了神,磕磕絆絆地解釋道:「啊……媽,您別哭。我今天送您這個主要就是為了謝謝您多年的辛苦,都是因為我讓你失去了最美好的年華,讓你的頭髮比同齡人還要白,還有其他太多太多的東西了……媽,對不起……」

嘴角抑制不住地揚起一個巨大的弧度,我起身抱著你,輕 撫你的背脊,一如小時候哄你睡覺一般。不知何時,你的臂膀 已經變得如此寬厚,身形如此高大,不變的是,從小到大你都 是如此體貼,像冬日裡的棉襖,給人最溫暖的慰藉。一股股暖 流傾注入我的心房之中,澆灌出世上最美的花——愛。

「沒關係。」我輕聲說道。

不過是白了頭髮罷了,你值得讓我付出這代價。

6B 葉澗馨

時間是什麼?回憶是什麼?那落滿灰塵的,又是什麼?

今天是爺爺的忌日,為爺爺掃完墓後,本想回家工作的我 卻被母親拉住了,她說在清掃我的房間時發現了一件東西,非 要我回去看看,我拗不過她,只好跟隨她回到了舊居。她告訴 我,東西在書櫃的角落裡,我思來想去,都想不到有什麼被我 放進了書櫃角落——這麼一個「暗無天日」的地方。

我從層層疊疊的書中尋找,尋到書櫃底層有了發現。在書 與書之間的間隙中。我似乎看到了灰色,我將手伸進去,摸到 了毛絨的手感。那感覺很是熟悉,在我的回憶中好像確實存在 過,可是我就是無法將這種手感對應上一個物件。

把那東西抽出來後,我的視線牢牢地被攫住了——那是我童年時的玩偶。它身上落滿了灰塵,灰塵夾雜在它柔軟的短毛中,使它變得灰撲撲的,不復記憶中的雪白。眼睛也缺了一角,看起來很是委屈。它像是捱過了一段漫長的歲月,才終於得以再次出現在我面前。我把那兔子玩偶抖了抖、拍了拍,卻弄不走藏進它毛毛裡的灰塵。正想出去拿水清洗時,我卻突然想起一個問題。

為什麼我把它放在書櫃的角落裡,讓它落了一身灰?

那是我小時候的玩伴,出門從不離身,就連爺爺奶奶都不時提起它打趣我……「爺爺奶奶」,我的腦子捕捉到了關鍵詞,似乎有一段記憶即將從心底破土而出。

我想起今早才祭拜完的、那個腦袋上已經不剩幾根頭髮的 老人的話:「這次回來怎麼沒帶你那兔子玩偶呀?你不是和它 關係最好了嗎?」我想起在更早之前,他總是彎起小小的眼睛, 露出一個孩子般稚嫩的笑:「爺爺帶你和兔子一起出去玩好不 好呀?」

似乎,在我還未長大的時候,曾有一雙帶著厚繭的手牽著 我和我的兔子玩偶,走遍了故鄉中村子的每一個角落,也曾有 那麼一個人,會把我的兔子玩偶當成一個真實存在的人,輕輕 地拍拍它的耳朵,再和它上演一場單方面的對話。

「小兔子,今天我的小孫女心情怎麼樣呀?你覺得她願不願意跟爺爺出去逛逛呢?」我抱著兔子玩偶,明明可以直接回答他,卻偏要捏起嗓子,假裝是兔子和他對答:「她今天心情很好,願意和爺爺一起出去玩。」聽到這,他就會笑著拉起我的手,而我抱著兔子,隨著他一同走向村子裡的落日和稻田。

那是我童年最開心的時候,沒有課業,沒有外界的評價, 只有爺孫倆加上一隻玩偶享受著拂面而來的輕風。可是,是什 麼時候變了呢?什麼時候開始,兔子被藏進書櫃角落,我也和 老人漸漸疏遠了呢? 依稀記得是在初中時,我帶著兔子出門,遇上了朋友和她的母親。朋友的母親看到我懷裡抱著一隻兔子,上下打量我一番,說了一句不知是冷是熱的話:「都這麼大了,還帶著玩偶出門呢?」少女總是有一種莫名其妙的自尊心,在聽了這近乎嘲諷的話後,當晚我就把兔子藏起來了,藏進了書櫃深處。第一天睡覺時還會不習慣,會覺得懷裡空空的,忍不住去摸摸那毛絨短毛和看看它雪白的長耳。可之後每過一天,我對兔子的依賴就降低一分,終於不知從何日起,我再也沒有去看過那隻兔子玩偶,任由它在書櫃角落裡落滿了灰塵。

也是從那段時間起,我的課業逐漸加重,不能隨時隨地回去探望那個會和兔子玩偶對話的老人了。只有在新年、暑假時,我才能回去探望他。彼時,他最常掛在嘴邊的話就是:「你的小兔子呢?怎麼沒帶回來呀?你不是和它關係最好了嗎?」而我的回答卻是:「長大啦,兔子不用帶啦。如果你想它的話,我下次帶回來給你看看。」聽到這,他似乎愣住了,笑容斂起了片刻,又回復平常道:「好啊,爺爺帶你和它一起去村裡逛逛。」

那時的我對這句話不以為然,答應他的話也如風一般,消 散在遼闊的大地間。每次回去他都會如是地問上一遭,我每次 應允後卻從不當真,把我的兔子遺忘在那暗無天日的角落裡。 日復一日、年復一年,兔子玩偶上落了灰,那個老人也在歲月 長河中悄然離去。 他最愛說:「爺爺帶著你和兔子一起去逛逛好不好呀?」 可我遺忘了兔子,更遺忘了老人的真心。落滿灰塵的何嘗只有 那隻兔子玩偶?那些本該珍藏的記憶碎片和老人的笑臉,都一 併被我扔進了不見天日的暗處,落了滿身灰。

無情的時間讓它落滿灰塵,讓他離開了我。無情的時間啊, 可否拂去它和他身上的灰塵,將和他們的點點滴滴還給我?

戲劇佳作

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學生們常問我,如何寫出好的劇本,在我看來,好的劇本 有兩個關鍵要素。

第二,我常問學生,你寫的劇本是否有訊息想讓觀眾去思考?執筆寫劇本時,我常使用自己的經驗或身邊朋友的故事, 半真半假地創造情節。

當你有強烈的訊息想要傳達給觀眾時,你會更加用心去收 集資料,融化不同持分者的聲音,把你幻想中的世界帶入現實, 透過戲劇的形式注入希望和夢想。

當你想改變世界,首先你要踏出第一步,用創作劇本去將你想帶出的信息帶給觀眾!

希望本劇本集能啟發更多的學生,透過自己的經驗和想像 力,創作出引人深思、充滿意義的作品。

南丁格爾

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第一場 (舞會)

- 女傭 (敲門)小姐,你的舞會服飾已經準備好, 晚會快開始,老爺叫我幫你裝扮一下。
- 2. 南丁格爾 進來吧。
- 3. 女傭 小姐,你和理查德身為上流社會精英,知識 豐富,又精通多國語言,簡直是天生一對!
- 4. 南丁格爾 多謝你,不過我只是一個平凡人,從來都不 覺得自己有多厲害,我反而感謝上帝賜予我 智慧同毅力去追求夢想!
- 5. 女傭 小姐,我想知道你的夢想是甚麼。
- 6. 南丁格爾 我的夢想就是想做護士,去服侍更多人。而 目,我真不喜歡每一天留在房間讀書。
- 7. 女傭 小姐!你真的要做護士?老爺說過,你不可 以做護士,如果他知道你想做護士,他會不 高興!
- 8. 南丁格爾 我相信上帝會感動他,令他支持我! (舞會現場)
- 9. 理查德 南丁格爾,我今天很開心,可以和你跳舞。
- 10. 南丁格爾 理查德,和你一起的時光,我也很開心。
- 11. 理查德 我有話想跟你說……你覺得我怎樣?
- 12. 南丁格爾 為甚麼這樣問?

- 13. 理查德 我一直很爱你,請……請你嫁給我!
- 14. 南丁格爾 對不起,恐怕我不能答應你。
- 15. 理查德 為甚麼,我們一起的時候,不是很開心嗎? 我哪裡做得不好,我會改,嫁給我吧。
- 16. 南丁格爾 不是這個問題……我想做護士!
- 17. 理查德 ······護士?沒關係,我會支持你,如果你擔 心做護士沒有錢賺,我會養你,我們可以繼 續在一起!
- 18. 南丁格爾 我愛你,但我不想過上流社會的生活,如果 我繼續享受這種生活,我一定無法理解民眾 的痛苦。我想為主去服侍更多生命,完成神 差遣我的使命,我寧願不要金錢,不要社 交,甚至不要婚姻!
- 19. 理查德 我應該做甚麼,才可以令你幸福?
- 20. 南丁格爾 你只需要每晚為我祈禱,我是愛你的,但是 對不起。(轉身離開)

第二場(南丁格爾的家)

- 21. 父親 女兒,你為甚麼失落?
- 22. 母親 是啊,你和理查德吵架?
- 23. 南丁格爾 爸爸、媽媽,我已經和他分手。
- 24. 父親 甚麼?那麼多追求者你都一一拒絕,難得有 個門當戶對的,你卻跟他分手?
- 25. 母親 不要生氣,再找一個吧。
- 26. 南丁格爾 趁這次機會,我跟你們說,其實我一直想做 護士,所以才會跟他分手。

- 27. 母親 護士?低等的職業,配不上我們上流階層!
- 28. 南丁格爾 媽媽,我真心想做護士,想服侍人,我不想 在其他人受病痛折磨時,我每天和其他千金 大小姐享受下午茶,和紳士開舞會。我不想 再過這種日復一日的生活,我想做有意義的 事。
- 29. 父親 你讀的書都白費了,竟然說生活沒有意義? 我讓你學多種語言,就是想你有多些出路! 而你,偏偏要做護士?外面天天打仗,一片 混亂,一定有很多傷者,你還要去前線救 人,去做危險的事,你有想過後果嗎?
- 30. 南丁格爾 爸爸媽媽,聽我說,我 17 歲時已聽到神的呼召,由那刻起,我已經立志一定要做護士!
- 31. 父親 既然你堅持,以後不要再回來,我就當從來 沒有你這個女兒!
- 32. 南丁格爾 爸爸媽媽,對不起,我已經決定了。

第三場(克里米亞戰爭的軍營醫院) 響起槍聲。

- 33. 傷兵1 護士! 護士! 快救他,他中了彈,很辛苦你一定要救他!
- 34. 南丁格爾 快帶他入病房!
- 35. 護士 1 醫生、南丁格爾,他流了很多血,恐怕捱不住。
- 36. 南丁格爾 堅持下去,我們一定能救你!

- 37. 醫生 他失血過多,已經救不了,你找個地方埋葬 他吧。
- 38. 傷兵1 甚麼?醫生,求求你,他為了救我才會受槍 傷。
- 39. 醫生 走開,那麼骯髒,不要碰我。我原本舒舒服 服在診所上班,現在要對著你這些低等階 層。
- 40. 南丁格爾 你怎可以不理會為國家作出重大貢獻的士 兵?他們為國家犧牲,你有身為醫生的道德 嗎?
- 41. 醫生 你只不過是一個護士,憑甚麼管我?現在醫院已不夠床位,一間房平時只可容納五個人,現在有十多人逼在一起,很臭,我都不敢碰他們,你讓你的房間給他們吧?
- 42. 南丁格爾 我會向你證明,神造的都是有尊嚴的,包括 十:兵和護士!
- 43. 醫生 別逞強了。
- 44. 南丁格爾 神啊!求你賜我智慧和力量改變這個地方。

第四場(午夜)

- 45. 南丁格爾 親愛的天父,求你讓戰死沙場的士兵們都得 到安息……
- 46. 傷兵 2 啊!別殺我,你放過我吧!我甚麼都會做! 不要殺我。(害怕)
- 47. 南丁格爾 甚麼事?有敵兵入侵?(拿起油燈,匆亡跑 去杳看)

(傷兵房間內)

- 48. 南丁格爾 你們沒事吧?不用怕,我在。
- 49. 傷兵 2 (驚醒)是南丁格爾啊······我剛剛發噩夢, 差點死了。
- 50. 南丁格爾 戰爭帶來很多後遺症,究竟戰爭何時才完, 我只想要和平。
- 51. 傷兵 2 我們真的很痛苦。
- 52. 南丁格爾 你們在戰場上受痛苦,來到醫院卻不能讓你們好好休息!
- 53. 傷兵 2 南丁格爾,我每晚都會做惡夢,睡不到,下 雨天,房間不止漏水,又烏煙瘴氣,又有蛇 蟲鼠蟻,我們根本不能好好睡覺!
- 54. 南丁格爾 我要改革這裡的衛生環境,但是只有護士支持我······
- 55. 傷兵 2 你每晚都提著燈看顧我們,我們都知道,還 叫你「提燈女神」,我們一定會支持你改 革!
- 56. 南丁格爾 好!我一定會完成心願,不如我帶你們祈 禱?親愛的天父,求你保守他們平安,令他 們有更好的醫療環境!奉主名求,阿門!

第五場(幾星期後克里米亞戰爭的軍營醫院)

- 57. 護士1 南丁格爾,你說要改革醫院,要怎改革?
- 58. 南丁格爾 這裡根本稱不上醫院,是用棚架搭起的簡陋 建築,周圍是蛇蟲鼠蟻。死在這裡的士兵比

戰場還多!我統計過,到目前為止已經有四 千多人死於疾病,足足是戰爭的十倍。

- 59. 護士 2 既然你有數據,可以寫信回英國,請他們派 人來幫忙。
- 60. 南丁格爾 我把資料設計成一個圖表,再寫上我們的需求,例如改善污水管和通風狀況、整頓醫療人員怠忽職守的風氣等,然後寄回英國。
- 61. 護士3 你的圖表好像雞冠……
- 62. 護十4 不是,我說像玫瑰……
- 63. 南丁格爾 雞冠和玫瑰……我就把它名為「雞冠花圖」。
- 64. 南丁格爾 (收到回信)大家,我們的努力有回應了! 衛生委員會表示會派遣專家前來檢視醫院的 狀況,並提供資金和技術支援。
- 65. 傷兵1 好消息!終於有人願意關注我們的問題了。
- 66. 護士 1 南丁格爾,你真的是個了不起的女孩子!你的勇氣和毅力改變了我們的命運。
- 67. 南丁格爾 這只是開始,我們還有很長的路要走。但只 要我們團結一致,努力改善醫院的環境和設 備,我們能為更多的傷兵帶來希望。
- 68. 傷兵 2 南丁格爾, 感謝你的努力和奉獻, 令我們得到了更好的治療和照顧, 現在士兵死亡率由40%下降至2.2%。
- 69. 南丁格爾 這是上帝的恩賜,亦是我們努力換來的成果,讓傷兵能重返戰場或回到自己的家庭。

- 70. 醫生 感謝你,南丁格爾。你的信和行動不僅改變 了這個醫院,也影響了更廣大的醫療系統。 你是一位偉大的醫護人員,之前我對你態度 太差,實在慚愧!
- 71. 南丁格爾 謝謝大家的支持和鼓勵。我們是為了傷者而 奮鬥,為了他們的健康和幸福。只要我們堅 持下去,一定能夠改變更多的命運。
- 72. 旁白 戰後,南丁格爾被視為民族英雄,英國人民對她心懷感謝,募捐了 25 萬美元以表謝意。南丁格爾利用這筆經費成立了世界上第一所非修道院形式的正規護士學校。今天,「南丁格爾」依舊是護士的代名詞,她的生日 5 月 12 日,更被訂立為「國際護士節」。南丁格爾的影響力在她去世 100 多年之後,依然深遠。她的一生是個榮耀的呼召,正如她曾在一封公開信上寫道:「護理不只是一種技術,而是生命。護理是來自上帝的呼召,值得一個人畢生投入。」南丁格爾忠心地完成了上帝賦予她在世上的使命。

(完)

咎由自取

創意戲劇節優勝作品

2A 賴卓嵐 2C 劉江杰 2D 朱凱琳 2D 謝顯

第一場

1. 特首 現在堆填區接近八成滿,預計 2027 年就

會滿了,我們要想想辦法解決!你們有

何意見?

2. 官員1 我認為可以起用智能垃圾桶,智能垃圾

桶可以自動偵測到可以回收的垃圾,和

不可回收的垃圾!

3. 官員2 我不同意,這樣浪費錢和資源,市民會

反對!當然不行!

4. 官員3 現在全球暖化嚴重,市民應該有所察

覺,為保護環境,我們都要出一分力,

至於錢……不如我們向市民收費?收費就

可以解決資金不足的問題。

5. 特首 既然大家都贊成,你們負責去推廣!

第二場

6. 智能垃圾桶1 請投入5元硬幣。

7. 人類 甚麼?要付費?算了,為了地球環境,

出一分力。(入錢)

8. 智能垃圾桶 2 值測到可回收物,即將進行回收。

活!

10. 智能垃圾桶 1 進行回收,進行分解。

11. 智能垃圾桶 2 分解完成, 請往左走。

第三場

12. 智能垃圾桶 1 請投入 5 元硬幣。

14. 垃圾 2 不要啊!不要扔我到垃圾桶!

的。

15. 智能垃圾桶 1 為甚麼沒人用我們?

16. 智能垃圾桶 2 以前人類掉垃圾不用錢,他們現在覺得要錢,便不捨得用我們。唉,但是垃圾如果不回收分類,堆填區會滿,會加劇全球暖化的問題!

18. 人類 2 反對掉垃圾要付費!抗議!抗議!

19. 特首 甚麼事?那麼多人抗議?

20. 官員2 智能垃圾桶太貴,人人將垃圾掉進海

裡,不再用智能垃圾桶了。

22. 特首 一於撒回垃圾徵費計劃,快點!

第五場

23. 官員1 出事了! 出事了! 水浸了, 快點走!

24. 特首 甚麼事?為甚麼會水浸?

25. 官員 2 全球暖化問題加劇。冰川融化,海平面

上升,淹沒了沿海國家!

26. 官員3 一定是那些垃圾……我們撤回了垃圾徵費

計劃,又沒有好好解決堆填區的問題。

垃圾分解時會產生溫室氣體,令地球變

暖。

27. 官員1 啊!水浸更嚴重了!

28. 官員2 唉,想不到我們擱置了智能垃圾桶,情

况反而比大力推行更差。

29. 官員3 我們不應該因市民反對而將計劃擱置

的。

30. 眾人 現在香港變這樣是我們咎由自取。

(完)

草木皆兵

創意戲劇節優勝作品

3A 李梓朗 3A 邱詣綽 1A 陳欣沛 1D 劉祉充

第一場(何國王皇宮)

- 1. 何國王 陳國王,很久不見!我國家最近研發了一個 新的 AI 機械人,是我們的國寶。送給你,小 小心意,不成敬意。
- 2. 機械人 你好,我可以幫你處理國家大小事務,亦可 以幫你做瑣碎事。
- 3. 陳國王 感謝你,何國王(拉著忠臣),大臣,接受 他的機械人會有問題嗎?但若我不收他的禮 物,又會影響兩國邦交。
- 4. 忠臣 國王,只是一個機械人,我們先接收,再密 切監察它。
- 5. 陳國王 好! (向陳國王)多謝你,陳國王!下次我們送最新的 AI 科技回禮吧。

第二場(陳國王皇宮) 陳國王走來走去,機械人跟著陳國王。

6. 機械人 國王,你有甚麼需要?我可以用大數據分析,提升國家科學能力,又可以改進國家生產效率,為國家帶來更多經濟機會。

- 7. 陳國王 (打斷機械人)行了,你煩不煩啊?你來了 五天,就煩了我五天,我命令你關機!
- 8. 機械人 正在關機。(關機聲效)
- 9. 陳國王 何國王有沒有在機械人安裝鏡頭呢? (搜全身)找不到。唉,開機吧!
- 10. 機械人 正在開機。(開機聲效)
- 11. 忠臣 國王,有甚麼吩咐?
- 12. 陳國王 我之前命你檢查機械人,結果怎樣?
- 13. 忠臣 國王,我們已經檢查好,沒有發現問題,機 械人的確幫了我們很多,例如經濟方面,國 民生產力提升了 20%;我們科研進程,也加 快了進度。
- 14. 機械人 是,我可以幫到你!我可以幫你處理國家大小事務。
- 15. 陳國王 (對機械人)行了!你真煩!那麼遠都聽到 我說話?(對忠臣)我覺得它一定有問題, 再替朕檢查。
- 16. 忠臣 是!提提國王,明天會跟何國王見面。

第三場(陳國王皇宮)

- 17. 何國王 陳國王,我們又見面了。送你的 AI 機械人好 用嗎?
- 18. 陳國王 (面有難色)不錯!機械人幫了我很多。
- 19. 何國王 哈哈,太好了!機械人真是好用,你要多使 用不同功能……我要去跟其他國王打招呼, 先走了。

- 20. 陳國王 (拉著忠臣)大臣,為甚麼何國王老是提及 AI 機械人?肯定有問題!
- 21. 忠臣 國王,我們已檢查多遍,真的找不到 AI 機械 人的問題,不需多心。
- 22. 陳國王 不是的,可能何國王想害我?我要先發制人,派人去刺殺何國王。
- 23. 忠臣 國王,如果何國王本身沒有惡意,那我們就 變了罪人。
- 24. 陳國王 他一定有惡意,替我殺了他。
- 25. 忠臣 (不情願地)是,國王。

第四場(何國王皇宮)

- 26. 何國王 冬天泡熱水浴,真好!
- 27. 刺客 我受了指使要找到何國王, 然後殺了他……
- 29. 刺客 我是陳國王派來的,我只是奉命行事,不要 殺我!
- 30. 何國王 陳國王?哼,我要向他宣戰!

第五場(陳國王皇宮)

- 31. 忠臣 國王,何國王的軍隊殺到了!怎辦?

(忠臣和陳國王姚走,被何國王攔截。)

33. 何國王 哈哈!陳國王,你東手就擒吧!

- 34. 陳國王 在殺我之前,告訴我究竟你在機械人裡安裝 了甚麼?
- 35. 何國王 原來你以為機械人害你,於是派刺客殺我? 我只是猜中你心理,知道 AI 機械人會令你疑 神疑鬼。若不是你疑心太重,我根本找不到 理由攻打你。哈哈!只怪你杞人憂天,逼到 自己死路一條,令自己國家滅亡,全是你自 食其果!哈哈! (完)

The Edge of Collapse

2A Lai Chuk Lam

| 1. | Mum | Hey, | daughter! | Tidy up ai | nd wash | the dishes! |
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- 2. Daughter Yes, Mum.
- 3. Mum Faster! How come you are so slow?
- 4. Daughter I'm going to wash them right now.
- 5. Son This person should do the heavy work.
- 6. Mum Oh, it's almost your birthday, Son. What present do you want?
- 7. Son Uhm, I want a pair of limited edition sneakers.
- 8. Dad Oh yes, your sister's birthday is close to yours. Let's celebrate it on the same day.
- 9. Mum She doesn't need a gift then.
- 10. Son Haha, of course, her birth is for serving us only.
- 11. Daughter (Drops the dishes) Sor... sorry! I dropped the dish.
- 12. Dad What happened?
- 13. Daughter I'm so clumsy, sorry!
- 14. Dad Why are you so dumb? Why did we even give birth to you? We cook for you, nurture you,
- 15. Daughter That's enough! You two always play favorites. I do all the housework, and I work long.

| 16. Mum | (Slaps daughter) You had better die soon. We pretend that we don't have you as our da. | | |
|--------------|--|--|--|
| 17. Son | It's better than you being alive. We don't need to see you forever, such rubbish. | | |
| 18. Daughter | Ok, I will jump from this repairing balcony. | | |
| 19. Son | (Pushes her) Jump quickly. Are you afraid? | | |
| 20. Daughter | (Falls down) Ahhhhh! | | |
| 21. Son | (Looks downward) Sh she she is really dead! What can I do!? Did I kill her?? | | |
| 22. Dad | Son, I can't help you this time. | | |
| 23. Son | NO! I can't go to prison! Why don't you two go to prison for me? | | |
| 24. Mum | What? Are you crazy? It's none of our business. I will call the police right now! NOW! | | |
| 25. Son | (Grabs the phone) No, you can't! | | |
| 26. Dad | (Pushes the son away) You have been spoiled by us already. It made you become that ir. | | |
| 27. Mum | (Calling the police) Hello? | | |
| 28. Son | She went to the balcony herself. I didn't push her! I didn't kill her, right? | | |
| 29. Dad | I don't care. It's none of our business. You explain | | |

to the police yourself later.

30. Police A Is anyone here? It's the police!
31. Son No one here! (He notices it immediately)
32. Police B There was a suspected murder case. Please open the door immediately, or we will force...
33. Mum (Opens the door) It's none of our business. My son pushed my daughter down from the balcony.
34. Police A Everyone here is a suspect. Please come to the police station with us.

(The End)

Justice will Never Be Absent

3A Choy Wing Yan 3A Ng Wai Yin 3A Wong Yi Shun 3A Wong Yuk Ying 3A Kim Ling Ming

Scene1

(Mr Wong and May enter, Emma is touching up her makeup.)

1. Mr Wong Good morning class.

2. Betty Good morning, Mr Wong. (Softly)

3. Mr Wong Today I'm introducing a new student — May to you. May, would you please introduce yourself?

4. May Definitely! Hi everyone, I'm May. I am a very kind person and I love playing basketball a lot.

5. Mr Wong Good! Make sure you get along with others, May. This is Emma and this is Betty. go sit next with Betty there.

6. May

Ok, Mr Wong. (Walked past) Hi, Emma.

(Emma ignored, May felt embarrassed)

Hi,Betty. Nice to meet you! (Betty waved to

May shyly)

7. Mr Wong

Today, I have prepared a surprise math quiz.

Please take out your calculators. May, since you're new here, you may use this time for self-study. Your grade will be exempt today.

8. Emma

That's not fair! Mr Wong! Why does she get to skip the quiz? If this quiz isn't canceled, I'll have to talk to my parents about it.

(Emma stirs the students to protest the quiz while Mr. Wong hesitates.)

9. May

Mr. Wong, it's okay to include my grade this time. I'm ready to take on the challenge.

10. Mr Wong

Thank you, May. You're showing great spirit. (Whispers to May) Now that everyone's scores will count, please get ready.

11. Emma

No, Sir, I forgot my calculator today. You didn't announce a quiz was happening. I left my calculator at home after studying all night. This is so unfair.

(Mr. Wong endures the anger but does not dare to rebute because of some reasons.)

12. Betty

Mr. Wong, I have another calculator. May I lend it to Emma?

13. Mr. Wong

Betty, that's very generous of you. Emma, does this solve your problem?

(Emma is visibly angry but remains silent.)

14. Mr. Wong

Time's up, everyone! Let's see the results. Betty scores the highest again with 20/20. Congratulations, Betty! May, a solid effort at 16/20. Unfortunately, there's a score of 3/20. I hope this student will make more effort at home.

(Students suppress laughter. Emma feels humiliated.)

(Bell rings, signaling the end of the lesson. Mr. Wong leaves as the students disperse.)

15. May Hey Mr Wong, do you know where's the basketball court? I want to play some basketball.

16. Mr Wong It's on the ground floor next to the tuck shop.

17. May Thank you Mr Wong!

Emma couldn't stand her anger, ran into Betty and gave her a punch. Every student saw it but no one dared to stop her, except May.....

18. Emma Hey, Betty. I'm wondering why can you get such high marks every time. Teach me how to cheat! (Throw a crushed paper) Did you hear me? (Throws the book at Betty, Betty remains silent) I am asking you questions!

(Emma rushes towards Betty, kicks her chair and hits her head. May saw the situation and came forward.)

19. May Emma, what are you doing?

(Emma looks at her and Betty shakes her head, trying to stop.)

20. Emma It's none of your business, May. (Continue the bully)

21. May Stop hitting Betty! (Help up Betty to the seat)

22. Emma Shut up, do you want to be another her? (Grab May's collar) If you're that kind and sympathetic, bring this crybaby to the principal office! Do you have any idea who I am?

23. May No, but you don't have any reasons to bully others! (Shout loudly) Why not? She deserves it, I just 24. Emma don't like her. It's not like I'm getting any trouble from doing this. I do what I want, and you cannot stop me. You cannot stop me as well, Emma. (Speak 25. May loudly) I have the duty to resolve the situation. 26. Emma Ew stop spitting all over my clothes. What a saint, my makeup is messed up and my mood is totally ruined! Ugh! You'll see, she is not worthy of your help. (Exits) 27. May Betty, are you feeling well? Do you need to go to the medical room? (Betty remains silent) Do you want me to help you tell the teachers? No! It's ok. I don't need that... Thanks for your 28. Betty help. (Shaking) You're a new student here. I don't want to cause you so much trouble at the start of your school life already. You don't have to help me. 29. May Are you afraid of Emma? Come on, she's just a girl who wants attention. You should stand up for yourself. (Try to go with Betty) (Emma enters.) 30. Emma Ha, saint May, going to file a complaint? (Grab Betty from May) Betty? You want to report me, don't you?

31. Betty

No, Emma. I...(Slapped by Emma)

32. May

Hey! Stop. I am the one who talks to Betty first. It's not her fault! ()

(May stand in front of Betty to protect her.)

33. Emma

Oh, I see... You want to help her? Don't you know how hateful she is? That face she makes when she's crying is so annoying and ugly. Fine, if you can take my slap for her, I won't pester you anymore. (Raises her hand to hit them)

(Suddenly, a phone ringing interrupts Emma.)

34. Emma

Oh, my dad is calling me. (Answers the phone) Dad... (Warn Betty and May with a hand gesture)

35. May

Betty, I was also bullied by my classmates at my old school just like you, but I chose to be brave and stand up for myself. Hmm... Why don't you ask your parents for help?

36. Betty

I've...I've told my mum before, but Emma is actually the principal's daughter and since my dad had passed away for a long time, I only have my mum. My family can't afford the consequence of offending Emma.

37. May

It's time to stop this farce! Betty, don't be afraid. We should report this to Principal Hui. I don't believe a principal could be so ridiculous that can't tell black from white. Let's go. (May and Betty exits)

Scene2

| 38. | Principal Hui | My dear daughter, how's your day? |
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| 39. | Emma | Not good at all. There are 2 tiresome guys who keep annoying me during recess. I really want them to get out of my sight. |
| 40. | Betty | Let's go back, May. She will definitely defended by the principal, her father, there is no point in doing this. |
| 41. | May | Betty, we've already come to this stage, we must not retreat and take advantage of this opportunity to seek justice. (Knocks the door) |
| 42. | Principal Hui | Please come in. |
| 43. | Betty | (Gasps) May, Emma is there. We have no chances of winning. |
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| 44. | May | (Comforts Betty) Don't worry, Betty. |
| 44. | May | (Comforts Betty) Don't worry,Betty. (Principal Hui cough.) |
| | May Emma | |
| 45. | · | (Principal Hui cough.) |
| 45. 46. | Emma | (Principal Hui cough.) Dad, they are the two girls I was talking about! Calm down my daughter. Let's listen to what |
| 45. 46. 47. | Emma Principal Hui | (Principal Hui cough.) Dad, they are the two girls I was talking about! Calm down my daughter. Let's listen to what they say. Hi, Principal Hui, I am May from 3A.I have something important to report to you. ButI |

Emma, suppose you should get out, right? (Betty tries to stop May but fails)

- 50. Emma Dad!!!!!!! (Angry and stands up)
- 51. Principal Hui Both of you calm down. May, Emma is not an outsider, she's my daughter and I let her stay here. You can just tell me here.
- 52. May (Soft) Whatever you want. Mr Hui, I'm sorry to tell you that your daughter, Emma,has been bullying one of our classmates—Betty, for a long time.
- 53. Emma, What?! Principal Hui
- 54. Emma Dad, they're lying! They two bully me verbelly first. They tease me getting a low mark in the math quiz in front of my whole class! You trust me, right? I'm your good girl! (Acting clingy)
- 55. Principal Hui Yes, my daughter never lies.
- 56. May Come over, Betty. (Shows the scars on Betty's arm)
- 57. Emma It must not be made by me, how can you prove that?
- 58. May Emma, the whole class are the witnesses. You can ask them, Mr Hui.
- 59. Emma (Sneers) Just ask them and see who is going to testify against me.
- 60. Principal Hui This incident has been hereto. I'll pay for your medical expenses. You know what to do. If the content of today's meeting is disseminated, you

will pay for it. Also, please do respect to Emma, don't make fun from her.

61. Betty

Umm... I'm so sorry, Mr Hui...We've brought some inconveniences to you. We won't spread anything about today's meeting. Thank you for kindly paying me the medical expenses, but I don't really need them. We're leaving now. (Tries to exit with May)

62. Emma

Why are you leaving in a hurry, crybaby Betty? You've been slandering me. You must pay for something, right?

63. Betty

No, May didn't mean that... Please forgive us...

64. May

Betty, we didn't do anything wrong! You are the victim, you shouldn't apologize to them.

65. Emma

What a pair of sisters. You like to help people so much, right? Saint May, why don't you share the punishment together with your lovely crybaby? Dad, I think one demerit should be given to each of them.

66. Principal Hui

Emma, you're right. Punishments should be taken for those who slander my daughter. I won't let my daughter be hurt in any way. One demerit for two of you respectively.

67. Emma

See? Betty, I have the best father. Do you have one too? Haha! (Laughing loudly) Oh, sorry (fakely) your dad died! He cannot protect you anymore... (Can't help laughing)

(Betty lowers her head.)

68. May

Emma, you're so rude! How can you joke like that?

69. Emma You're controlling me, May. This school is mine, just shut up and go back to your classroom.

70. Principal Hui May and Betty, remember don't mess with people you shouldn't mess with. Go back to your class.

71. May But Mr Hui... We...

(Principal Hui motioned them to go with a wave of his hand.)

72. May (Signs) We'd better not waste anymore time here. Let's go, Betty.

73. Emma Ha, Saint May, I've told you not to help Betty. Now you're in trouble!

(May and Betty exit.)

74. Emma Dad, thanks for your help. I love you so much!

75. Principal Hui My dear Emma, you should work harder next time so that no one can make fun of your result.

I think I should remind your class teacher Mr Wong to intervene in this issue. Shall I?

76. Emma No need dad, I have forgiven them. I don't want people to think I have the extra care because of being the principal's daughter. That affects your reputation.

77. Principal Hui My considerable and sweet daughter... (Touches Emma's head) Dad is always your back.

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(Betty and May walk out from the principal office to the corridor.)

78. May Betty, don't be discouraged. There must be other solutions!

79. Betty Even if the principal doesn't help us, what else can we do?

(Mr. Wong enters.)

80. Mr. Wong Hi, May, hi,Betty. How are you? Did you make any friends?

81. May Yea, Mr Wong, Betty is my friend now.

82. Mr. Wong Great to hear that! I saw you two coming out from the principal office, what happened?

83. Betty, May (Look at each other) No big deals.

84. Mr. Wong Your eyes exposed yourself. It's alright, feel free to tell me.

85. May Betty has been bullied by Emma for a long time, but she is too afraid to tell the teachers, so I took her to see Mr Hui, but he shelled Emma a lot.

86. Mr. Wong (Shocked) Is it true?

87. May Of course, Mr. Wong. Emma has been physically bullying Betty for a long time. Look at these scars.

88. Mr. Wong

Oh my goodness... How could she do this to you, Betty. Why didn't you tell me this earlier? I would help you stop her from doing that again.

89. Betty But... won't you be afraid of the principal? Who cares if she is the principal's daughter or 90. Mr. Wong not. As long as you are my student, I will do anything to help you get back the school life you deserve. You go to the medical room now and I will manage the situation by myself. 91. Emma (Comes out with principal hui and sees Mr. Wong, Betty and May) Dad, see, they lied! They must be reporting on me to Mr. Wong. (Point at Betty and May) How dare you? (Turns to May) May, bring Betty to the medical 92. Mr. Wong room. (Turns to principal hui) Principal Hui, you know what your daughter has done, right? I hope that Emma can apologize to Betty and end the bullying. That's just all we need. What? I would never do that. She is my great 93. Emma classmate. I've already said that they slandered me. Right dad? 94. Principal Hui Yes, Emma. Mr. Wong, not afraid to tell you that Emma is my daughter. You had better mind your own business. 95. Mr. Wong As a teacher, you should shield your students. Not to mention you're the principal! You must treat your students equally. 96. Principal Hui I am powerful and influential. Are you teaching me to do things? 97. Emma My dad is right, you're just a new teacher. If you're a saint like May too,then I think you're

98. Mr. Wong

not suitable to stay here anymore!

Come on, Emma, stop lying. I know you've done

that, you've seen Betty's scar, right?

99. Emma Why are all of you partial to Betty? Why does

she deserve your help? Dad, fire him! (Point at

Mr. Wong)

100. Principal Hui That's enough Mr. Wong, you've hurt my

daughter so much. You are fired now!

101.Mr. Wong Actually, I'm the spy of the Education Bureau.

We have received many complaints of Power Abuse of the Principal. The reason I came here is to check the quality of your school. I'm sorry

to tell you that your school is out!

102.Emma, What?

Principal Hui

103.Emma

You must be lying!

104.Mr. Wong This is my id card of the EdB. Just check by

yourself. (Throw the card to them) Both of you

are expelled now!

105.Emma,

No!!!!

Principal Hui

(The End)

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Drama Club Committee

Scenes 1

1. Human

As human beings, we must strive to develop ourselves; progress is an essential principle! From the Industrial Revolution to the Information Technology Revolution, and now to the Artificial Intelligence Revolution, it can all be summed up in one word: development! There are two conditions for development: first is energy, and second is enjoyment. Speaking of enjoyment, it means having good food, and my favorite is beef. The Earth is rather useless in this regard, with too few cows to satisfy my enjoyment. Fortunately, humans are capable and if the Earth lacks something, I will replenish it in abundance, like beef. Haha!

2. Mr. Earth

Oh... I feel so hot, I'm abused by people every day, it's so hot, I'm practically running a fever! I'm really sick!

Scenes 2

(Stage left represents the Arctic, center stage represents the ocean, and stage right represents the Australian forest.)

(Arctic music.)

3. Polar Bear (Scrambling for ice to stand on, jumping from one block of ice to another) The Arctic is getting warmer each year. This year, the glaciers here have risen by three degrees, and more and more ice is melting away! Without the ice, I simply can't stand here to catch seals to eat! I haven't eaten anything in five days! The ice is thinning and melting, and I just can't find a solid piece of ice to stand on to hunt seals in the water! What!? Is that a seal over there? (Goes to check it out, finds a penguin hiding behind a rock) Is that a penguin, not a seal? It doesn't matter! I'm so hungry right now! A penguin will do when there's nothing else! (Catches the penguin)

4. Penguin Ah! Wait a moment! I haven't had a proper meal in so long! My flesh isn't even firm, you... you wouldn't benefit from eating me, would you? The weather is getting warmer and warmer, and the krill we usually feed on are moving towards Antarctica because of the warming climate, making them increasingly hard to find! We haven't had anything to eat for many days, you... you wouldn't get any use out of eating me, right?

5. Polar Bear The melting of the Arctic glaciers is destroying the marine ecosystem, leaving us without good food to eat. Even if I'm not in good shape, it's better than nothing, I need to eat you!

6. Penguin Help!

(Music: Under the sea.)

7. Fish

Coral! We pay rent to live with you! You used to be colorful, and we could rely on you to hide from predators while searching for food, and depend on your colors for camouflage and to attract mates. Coral! Now you've turned all white, it's not a suitable habitat for us anymore! The service is terrible! I want to terminate the lease!

8. Coral

I don't want this either! I have a serious condition called coral bleaching!

9. Fish

Coral Bleaching? What's that?

10. Coral

The Earth is getting hotter, and the temperature of the sea water is rising too. I can't maintain the symbiotic algae essential for life. Without them, we lose our color and our vitality. We ourselves can't adapt and thus fail to provide you with nutrients! As our bodies become whiter, we are closer to death!

11. Fish

I don't care! If you don't cancel the lease, then find me a new home!

12. Coral

All of us corals are facing this problem! Humans, for their own development, continually dump industrial waste into the ocean and overfish, leaving us no space to recover!

13. Fish

No home to live in? What are we supposed to do now?

(Stage middle: Australia forest)

(Music: Hakuna Matata)

14. Cow

The forest fire has been burning for three months, and the grass has been scorched by the blaze! The trees are burning, and many of my friends have died because of it... Hey! There's still a tree over there (Runs to the tree).

15. Tree

Cow! You need to move faster, the fire is spreading! It's coming this way! This place won't hold up much longer.

16. Cow

It was so hard to find just one tree, I don't have the energy to run anymore... It's been half a year since it last rained! When will this fire stop?

17. Tree

The Earth is getting hotter, the forests are becoming drier, rainfall is becoming less frequent, and extreme weather brings more heatwaves. Human overdevelopment and massive deforestation are making wildfires more frequent and uncontrollable. Animals living in the forests are losing their homes. You need to get out of here fast! The fire is spreading!

18. Cow, Fish, Polar bear, Penguin, Coral Protest! What on earth is happening? We need to hold an international conference for the animal kingdom! Save our home!

Scenes 3 (United Nations Animal Assembly)

19. Cow

Today, we've gathered representatives from various animal species to join humans for this United Nations conference to figure out why Mr. Earth has a fever! Whether it's the polar regions, the oceans, or the forests, we're seeing increasingly hotter conditions! Today we have invited Mr. Earth and humans to identify the culprits together! And to punish them!

20. Mr. Earth

(Pointing at Coral) Coral! What exactly have you done? Why does the ocean seem like a heat-absorbing sponge, getting hotter and hotter, causing marine heatwaves, hurricanes, and you're the worst of it all!

21. Coral

No, it's not us! We are victims too! The glaciers in the Arctic are melting faster, all the ice is running off into the ocean! The direct sunlight on the ocean is what's making our seas so hot! The Arctic has problems too! (Pointing at Polar Bear) Seize them!

22. Cow

Catch them up!

23. Polar bear

It's not us! It's because of the warm sea waters seeping into the glaciers that all our ice is melting. It's an ocean problem! Also, those forest fires on your side have been burning for three months, and the carbon dioxide you emit is twice the global aviation emissions. You also play a part in making the Earth hotter!

24. Tree, Cow

It's your problem!

25. Coral, fish No, it's your problem! You're the one with the problem! 26. Polar bear, Peguin 27. Human Stop! Arguing gets us nowhere! I've already sent parrots to different countries to investigate what's happening! Be quiet and soon we'll know who the real culprit is! Let's all go to the laboratory to see what the cause is! Scenes 4 (Laboratory) 28. Human Parrot, any progress? 29. Parrot After days of investigation, we've finally found the reason! 30. Fish It must be the polar bears' doing! 31. Penguin You are the problem! 32. Parrot (To the audience) Dear audience, why don't you guess what's causing the Earth to be so hot? 33. Human Shh! stop argue! Parrot, tell us the reason! 34. Parrot We found out that what's making the Earth so hot is because of their farting! Seize them! 35. All Cows?! You? Catch them! (At this moment, a cow is farting)

Farting is not a crime! Why me? Everyone farts!

36. Cow

37. Parrot

Cows just need to eat grass and ruminate, and by burping or farting, they can emit a greenhouse gas more potent than carbon dioxide. which adds up to millions of liters of methane released into the atmosphere by the world's cows each year. Plus, humans love to eat beef, and the artificial breeding of even more cows generates even more methane! That's why the Earth is getting hotter!

38. Polar Bear

(To the audience) What do you all think are ways to solve the problem of carbon emissions?

39. Fish

(With a knife in hand) Easy! We kill all the cows (catching the cow), don't eat beef! That will stop them from emitting methane, and the problem is solved!

40. Penguin

If cows don't eat so much, that would do! We can design a diet for them! Eat grass only once every two days to reduce farting!

41. Coral

Cut one or two of their stomachs out to reduce the number of times they ruminate! That will decrease farting!

42. Tree

Or genetically modify them, we already have mini pigs and mini horses, turn them into mini cows! That might reduce the amount of farting!

43. Cow

Wait a minute! The real culprit isn't me, it's him! (Pointing at a human)

44. Human Me? Why is it me?

45. Cow Because humans love to eat beef! To satisfy humans, you breed cows in large numbers for your artificial intelligence revolution!

46. Parrot And for the development of more energy, you also cut down a lot of trees and pour a lot of industrial waste into the oceans.

47. Cow It's you who made us lose our homes!

48. Polar Bear It's you who put us on the brink of extinction!

49. Coral It's you who is causing global warming on our Earth!

50. Mr. Earth Catch him and beat him!

51. Human I am the one who rules over you, leading the development and progress of Earth, how can you treat me like this?

52. Mr. Earth The cutting of forests and the development of factories keep raising my temperature! You are developing Earth, but at the same time, you are bringing me severe harm! How you treat me, I will treat you! In the end, you reap what you sow!

53. Human Never thought about it! Developing Earth!

Improving human life, raising living standards, and

in the end, you'll be beaten by your own actions! Ahhh!

(The End)

Scene 1

(Stage Left: Bryan's House) (Stage Right: Fiko's House)

- 1. Fiko Hey woman! The sink is full, go wash the dishes!
- 2. Chloe (Enters holding broom) Fiko! Don't you see I'm already sweeping the floor?! Wait or you can go wash it yourself. Also, my name is Chloe and I'm your wife, call me one of those. Don't just yell woman!
- 3. Fiko Chloe, women. Wife, also women. It's the same. Don't disturb me from watching football. I bet 100 dollars on Liverpool and they're losing.
- 4. Chloe Oh not again! All you know is to gamble all day. Can you please be productive, Fiko? Get a job or something, please?
- 5. Fiko (Checks watch) I'm having lunch with my old friend Bryan tonight. So get out of my way (pushes Chloe) before I divorce you, women! (Exits)
- 6. Chloe I shouldn't have married you in the first place, Fiko! Hey! (Freeze)
- 7. Charlotte Hey Bryan! The weather is nice today. What about playing golf after your lunch with Fiko.

- 8. Bryan Sounds great, my dear Casper. Let me tell Allan. (Turns to backstage) Allan.
- 9. Allan Sir Bryan, here are the documents of the performance of workers in the last season. Also, Mr Lam wants to schedule a meeting with you.
- 10. Bryan Nice work Allan, ask Mr Lam if he is free Friday lunchtime. By the way, how's the project in India?
- 11. Allan It's looking good so far. Simon got us a 10-million-dollar fund from the local government. Would you like to head to India to speculate? If so, I can prepare your private jet for you.
- 12. Bryan Great idea Allan, we will set off on Monday. Also, can you please bring me my Rolls Royce so I can go out to have lunch with my old friend Fiko? Also, can you take my wife, Casper, out for golfing later?
- 13. Allan Right away, sir. Just a reminder, you have a zoom meeting with Mr Tam tonight.
- 14. Bryan Thx Allan. (Look at Casper) I better go now, or I'll be late. See you Casper.
- 15. Charlotte See you too, Bryan. Mua~
- 16. Bryan Mua~

(Bryan exits.)

Scene 2 (Restaurant)

| 17. Fiko | (Enters) Hey Bryan~ My old friend! It's been far too long since I saw you. |
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| 18. Bryan | Fiko, good to see you. It's been ages. |
| 19. Fiko | Sorry for being late. My stupid wife Chloe is in the way. |
| 20. Bryan | It's ok, Fiko. Take a seat. I prepared the finest wine they have here, 1824. |
| 21. Fiko | Wow! The world is just so easy on rich guys. |
| 22. Bryan | With hard work, maybe you can do it too. |
| 23. Fiko | I'm not a lucky person with a background like you. |
| 24. Bryan | You see, It's about your attitude. With the right way, you can do it too. Anyways, how's your wife Chloe? |
| 25. Fiko | Oh that woman? She does nothing other than complaining. |
| 26. Bryan | You got a job? |
| 27. Fiko | Nah, my wife Chloe provides money for the household. |

Nah, Chloe does all the housework.

So you do the housework.

28. Bryan

29. Fiko

| Chloe is such a good girl you know? You better treat her better. I didn't lose her to you just so you can treat her badly. |
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| Well Bryan, You are talking about the days when we were both chasing her. It's different now. |
| You know what, Fiko? I would rather live a life like you, having such a good wife. |
| And I would rather live a life where I have a good background and easily be successful, sitting at the top of society. |
| Fiko, becoming successful is not about the background. With effort, you can do it too. |
| You don't understand, Bryan. I'm just not as lucky as people like you are. |
| Fiko, It's all about the effort. |
| I'm just saying, I would rather live a life like yours. Cheers. |
| Oh your glass is empty, let me pour some wine for you. (Spills the wine) |
| (They both panic, bumps head into each other.) |
| Hey Bryan, you bumped your head into mine. |
| I'm so sorry Fiko, I didn't mean to. |
| Why do you look so funky? |
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Where is my suit? Why is my suit on you? 42. Fiko 43. Bryan Wait. (Both turns around and back.) 44. Bryan Did we just... 45. Fiko, Switched souls? Bryan 46. Fiko Hey Fiko, I think it is more ethical for us to find a way to switch back. (Fiko freeze) 47. Bryan Wait, I'm now a rich man, I don't need to switch back with him. But he said he put a lot of effort to get here. It's just luck and background. I suffered enough. Now is my turn to enjoy. 48. Bryan Hey Bryan, (Picks up bottle) watch this. (Hit Fiko) Fiko, you rat. (Faints) 49. Fiko Scene 3 (Bryan enters.) 50. Casper Honey, your back. 51. Allan Welcome back, sir Bryan. Oh, so you are Casper. 52. Bryan

53. Casper

Huh?

54. Bryan Get out of my way! Fat woman. 55. Casper Bryan, what happened? Let me give you a hug (Tries to hug) (Pushes Casper) I told you to get out of my way! 56. Bryan (Look at Allan) Sir, Bryan. There are 2 documents waiting for your 57. Allan signature. Also, you need to write an email to Mr Poon. 58. Bryan Hey Hey! I'm not doing any of that. Prepare a jet, I'm going to Las Vegas. 59. Allan But Sir, you have a meeting with Mr Tam tonight. Who cares? Just cancel it. 60. Bryan But Honey, you never gamble. You said it was 61. Casper unhealthy. That's why I quitted gambling. Remember? 62. Bryan I don't care. I'm rich! Wooooow! (Freezes) Oh my god! It's 11:00 and Fiko is still not home? 63. Chloe He must have gone to the bar after the lunch with Bryan. (Fiko enters.) 64. Chloe Hey Fiko! Where have you been? Do you know what time it is?

I'm sorry, Chloe. I'm sorry.

65. Fiko

66. Chloe Huh? Did you say sorry?

67. Fiko I mean, I'm in the wrong, right?

68. Chloe Fiko? Say sorry?

69. Fiko Anyways, I'm going to a job interview tomorrow,

so I can't have lunch with you.

70. Chloe You're getting a job?

71. Fiko Yea, I want to get productive and afford a better

future for both of us.

72. Chloe Do you have a fever?

73. Fiko Isn't that what all husbands want?

74. Chloe I'm going to do dishes. (Freezes)

75. Dealer Sir, it is yours to call.

76. Bryan All in. (Loses)

77. Casper Bryan, we are losing so much money.

78. Bryan Just sell one or two cars and we're ok.

79. Casper But...

80. Bryan Shut up! Don't disturb me!

81. Casper Bryan never treats me like this! (Freeze)

82. Fiko (Enters) Chloe! I got a raise! My boss praised me

for my hard work.

Oh my god Fiko, me too! I started working better 83. Chloe since you helped with the house work. You know what that means? 84. Fiko We can finally afford a house 85. Chloe 86. Fiko All that hard work is paying off! (Freeze) 87. Allan (Enters) Sir Bryan, since you started to ignore work, our revenue is starting to drop rapidly. We failed a lot of contracts and paid a lot of the penalties. 88. Bryan So what? I'm rich. 89. Allan If you are not doing anything, the company will go bankrupt in 5 months. 90. Bryan There are no problems for rich people. Stop lying. 91. Allan Sorry Bryan, I quit. (Exits) Bryan, what happened to you? You were the most 92. Casper hardworking guy I met. But one day you changed. You are not the Bryan I know anymore. 93. Bryan I don't care about you, fat women. 94. Casper I'm divorcing you. (Freeze) 95. Fiko (Enters) Boss? **96.** Boss Hey Fiko. I called you to tell you something. I'm retiring. And the board decided that you will be the next CEO.

97. Fiko I'm going to be CEO. Me! CEO! I knew it, I knew

effort was the key. Thanks Boss.

98. Boss Congragulations!

99. Fiko Thank you! This is the turning point of my life. I

need to tell Chloe about this. Chloe! (Exits)

Scene 4 (The streets)

100. Bryan Hey! Is that you, Bryan?

101. FIko Fiko?

102. Bryan Save me, Bryan. I'm getting chased by loaners

103. Fiko FIko, I think it's time you learn a lesson. Being

successful is not about the background but the effort. I have been in the situation that you have complained about. Yet with hard work, I became CEO. You just need to keep working, Fiko. Don't

give up. (Exits)

104. Bryan Bryan! Bryan!

(The End)

Titanic 2.0

3C Lee Shing Yu
3C Li Mau Yuen
3D Lam Yau Long
3D Yau Yun Fat

Sense 1

1. Captain

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the Titanic. This ship is known as the "unsinkable ship" and is the largest ship in history. This journey will depart from Hong Kong, China to New York, the United States, with a total of 1,500 passengers, it lasts seven days and seven nights, during the journey it will pass through the Antarctic Ocean, where you can see penguins.....polar bears and even icebergs. But please rest assured that we are very professional. Our ship is absolutely safe and will never hit an iceberg and bury the dance on the ship. It's about to start, everyone is welcome to participate.

Sense 2 (Rose's room)

2. Rose

I will marry Karl next month. Carl is a rich second generation. My father married me to him for the benefit of the family, but I don't like him. Carl's mouth smells bad, as if he hasn't brushed his teeth in hundreds of years. He has Hong Kong foot too. He's also so short. I don't know if his height has 150cm or not. The most important thing is that he

weighs has 150. If it weren't for his wealth, I wouldn't want to please him. I miss the time I spent with Jack. It would be great if he could have more money...

(Carl knock on the door.)

3. Carl Dear rose, hurry up and open the door, you will be late for the dance. (Obscenely)

Sense 3 (The ballroom)

- 4. Carl (Prom) Rose, this ball is very nice, isn't it?
- 5. Rose Yes, of course.
- 6. Carl Rose, our wedding will be much better than this ball.

 We are getting married soon. I want our marriage to be perfect.
- 7. Rose ...Marriage...Oh! Sorry, Carl, I'm tired. I want to take a break.
- 8. Carl Okay. have a good rest. goodbye.

(Carl leaves.)

- 9. Jack Hi, Rose. You look so beautiful tonight. Can we have a dance?
- 10. Rose (Very surprised) What? Jack, why are you here? It's so hard to see that you seem to have lost some weight.

- 11. Jack 10 years! Do you know how I spent these 10 years? I worked five jobs a day and ate two meals a day, just to save money to buy a boat and fly to see you. We agreed to spend the rest of our lives together, but now you are stuck with this fat boy!
- 12. Rose I'm sorry, Jack. You can't say that. This is impolite.
- 13. Jack Rose. You should find your own way....
- 14. Rose This is none of your business, Mr. Jack. I have to go.Rose go back to her room.

Sense 4 (Rose's room)

- 15. Carl Rose, tell me the truth. Where did you go?
- 16. Rose What...? I don't understand what you said.
- 17. Carl Listen. Now you're going to be married by me! You can't fall in love with someone else, with that man!
- 18. Rose Carl, why do you think I will marry you? I love you? No, no... Carl. You can't give me real love like Jack. I had to marry you just because you could help my family .Carl, I can't feel your love. I don't want to be like this. I want a bright future. I want to live my own life.

(Rose runs out of the room.)

Sense 5

(At the stern, Jack and Rose are finding each other.)

19. Rose Where are you, Jack?

20. Jack Where are you, Rose?

(Finally see each other.)

- 21. Rose Hello, Jack. I've changed my mind. Maybe you are the one for me.
- 22. Jack Shhh...give me your hand. Now close your eyes. Go for it!
- 23. Rose I'm so surprised.
- 24. Jack Don't be surprised, I'll hug you again.
- 25. Rose I believe in you.

(Play music.)

- 26. Jack Okay. Now open your eyes.
- 27. Rose Oh! The scenery here is so beautiful.

(Carl suddenly goes there.)

28. Carl What are you doing!?

(Suddenly the captain's voice sounded.)

29. Captain (Shout)Dear passengers, an iceberg has been spotted in front of us. Our ship has lost control. It is expected to hit the iceberg in 10 seconds. We will die soon. Everyone needs to write a suicide note first and remember to bag it. Take care your id card to let the police to confirm the identity of the body.

(Everyone yells for help.)

(The ship hits the iceberg.)

(Jack and Carl fall into the water but Rose is still on the boat.)

- 30. Carl (Reaching out for help) Save me my fiancée. We are getting married next month.
- 31. Jack (Reaching out for help) Dear Rose, come and save me. I have eight old abs.
- 32. Rose Fatty, I won't save you! I only like the eight old abs (Rose only serves Jack)
- 33. Carl Rose, my fiancée, how can you be so heartless? How can you bear to abandon me in this cold sea?
- 34. Rose Please explain, I will save your life, fat boy! I don't like you at all!
- 35. Carl You'll pay the price!

(Karl clapped his hands.)

36. Jack (Suddenly shout) Yes sir!

(Jack rescues Carl on the boat.)

37. Jack Are you okay? Boss. (To Carl)

38. Rose (In disbelief) Jack what are you doing! Why do you want to save him!

39. Carl (Say to Rose frivolously) Hahaha! Your favorite Jack was actually sent by me to test you. I never expected that you are a woman who only cares about appearance but not about content! Don't be impressed anymore. Jack has found a new love since you broke up. You can see him on this ship only because I gave him a price that he can't refuse. In fact, all this is a test for you... (Take away the pillow/stuffing in the clothes to reveal the eight old abdominal muscles)

- 40. Rose No! This can't be true! Why do you have eight old abs?
- 41. Carl All this is a test for you. In fact, I have always had abdominal muscles, and I endured the humiliation and ate stinky tofu every day just to create the illusion of bad breath. I also insisted on not washing my feet for 100 days, just to get the Chinese bad breath. Athlete's foot, everything I do is to test whether you really love me or love my money!

42. Rose I was wrong Carl! Please forgive me...

43. Carl It's too late, gold digger. My private helicopter will be here in 2 minutes, and this ship will sink in 3 minutes. Don't worry, for the sake of us as a couple, I will help you collect the body.

44. Jack Haha!

(Jack and Carl leave.)

45. Rose No!!!

(The End)

音樂佳作

吳妙齡老師 音樂科主任

今年音樂科是學校第四年開辦創作課程,讓學生學習作曲、 填詞及編曲。目的是創作 2024-25 年度主題曲「With Faith, We Dream」,希望透過創作提升學生對學校的歸屬感。

整個活動分五個階段。首先是 2023 年度中四音樂堂上的音樂創作課程,學校邀請了校友何威廉先生教授作曲技巧。何先生是音樂專業人士,他的作曲、填詞、編曲作品收錄於多張基督教音樂專輯內。學生根據主題「With Faith, We Dream」創作旋律,之後由何威廉先生挑選佳作。在課程中,學生非常享受創作的過程,亦覺得學到很多音樂創作的知識,何先生亦費盡心力才能在眾多佳作中選出主題曲。第二階段是填詞。社職員就歌曲填上2024-25 年度主題曲歌詞。第三階段是由何威廉先生就著每一首歌的特性、氣氛、意思編曲及製作伴奏音樂,之後是製作樂譜放在學生文集中,最後是演繹,這首歌將於來年學生會歌唱比賽中,由各社派社員演唱。

學校希望透過創作活動,讓學生能運用中國語文的能力,培 養學生在藝術的創意,投入並享受校園生活。

With Faith, We Dream

懷著信,成就夢想

J = 112

曲:何子樂

詞: 尹希雋











冠軍作品 創作心得

4B 何子樂 5A 尹希雋

何子樂/作曲冠軍

我創作主題曲的宗旨,就是希望這首主題曲能夠有辨識度, 有令人振奮,勇往向前的感受,再加上抓耳的旋律,令其傳唱度 更廣,讓每位光中的師生都能夠聽一次,就能大概記得旋律,以 及歌詞內容。

旋律方面,我不斷幻想,要如何把歌曲的旋律烙印在每一位 師生的腦海裡,因此,我使用了較為簡單,抓耳的旋律寫作,希 望大家都能夠在一整個學年內,在腦海裡時不時響起這首歌,隨 時提醒自己,只要靠著對神的信心,萬事都難不倒我們。

風格方面,這首主題曲要能夠為我們帶來力量,感到正向,即使在逆境中,都能夠靠著信心得勝,因此,在A段中,音高是較低的,用以堆砌感情,直至歌曲邁入B段,情感得到爆發,以相對前段較高的音高,高歌勝利。

願這首歌能為人人都帶來力量,戰勝困難。

尹希雋/填詞冠軍

這首歌詞是我在一個充滿挑戰和困難的時刻創作的。我想要 表達對基督的信賴,以及祂的愛和恩典如何成為我前進的動力。 在我跌倒或感到疲倦時,信念總是陪伴著我,讓我能夠堅持走下 去。這首歌詞是我對神的感恩之情的表達,也是我對其他人的鼓 勵,希望他們在信仰中找到力量,跨越人生的險阻。



With Faith, We Dream



亞軍作品 創作心得

4A 林曉晴 作曲亞軍

非常有幸能參與是次創作,當收到是次創作的主題為 With Faith We Dream 後,我想到要創作一首令人感受到追尋夢想時的歷程,以及追尋夢想的熱誠。

歌曲以 IV 和弦開首,聽起來會有一些複雜的感覺,而這種獨特,複雜的感覺,就代表着我們在開始追尋夢想時的那種期盼。整首作品刻劃了我們在追夢的過程中的高低起伏,希望為人帶來動力,無論過程有多艱辛,也要堅持自己的夢想。



With Faith, We Dream

J=66 曲: 何浩怡







季軍作品 創作心得

4D 何浩怡 作曲季軍

學生會會歌主題是夢想和信心,所以當我創作旋律的時候,便想創作一些旋律是聯繫到有關夢想的題材,我希望這首歌的旋律能夠令同學們聽到後有感而發,追隨自己的夢想,所以旋律會比較平和、溫柔、亦帶一點鼓舞。因為這是我第一次創作旋律,所以改動的部分亦比較多,一開始是沒有副歌的,但聽了導師的意見後,我把副歌加了下去,感覺良好了很多,那個鼓舞的旋律亦都出來了。這首歌我參考了一些詩歌的旋律,所以整體會比較溫柔悦耳一點。最後希望同學們能聽到這個旋律後,能夠勇敢追隨自己的夢想,向著目標進發!



With Faith, We Dream



季軍作品 創作心得

4B 黄啓銘 作曲季軍

當我在創作這首歌的時候,朝著希望、夢想等方向去想像旋律。突然在一次休息的時候,腦中浮現這段旋律,立刻把它寫了下來。也許是因為依靠寫譜應用程式作曲,所以並未能完全重現腦中的旋律,但是我努力改進,嘗試把他改成與腦中一樣的旋律。這次的落選我知道了自己的不足,也許是因為沒有記憶點的關係,或是其他同學的作品比我優勝,但也無阻我繼續改進、學習,之後也有機會做出更好的作品。



視覺藝術佳作

鄭韻賢老師 視藝科科主任

在後疫情時代,伴隨著科技發展與社會走向的巨大變遷, 視覺藝術領域亦被迫不斷創新革新,靈活運用知識、發掘創新 解決方案,是適應這個時代的關鍵。因此,本年度,我們著力 培養學生的解難能力和創造性思維,鼓勵他們探索各種不同的 媒材及手法,深入洞悉創作背後的理念與過程。

數位技藝的發展,使得平面設計、動畫、互動裝置等領域 日新月異,亦讓學生在表達同同概念時有更多選擇。掌握相關 的技術手法與創作理念,不僅提升專業技能,亦能探索全新的 創作可能性。但無論是平面設計、立體造型抑或數位藝術,我 們鼓勵學生大膽嘗試,務求發掘自身獨特的創作風格。透過全 面深入的藝術教育,讓學生在最短時間內找到自身的興趣和專 長。

此外,通過關注社會議題,進行相關的藝術作品參考,繼 而進行屬於自己的創作,學生不僅能以藝術抒發自身觀點,亦 能提出具體的解決方案。此類創作過程不但讓學生更了解自己 及自己的生活環境,亦能培養學生的批判性思維,建立正面的 價值觀。

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S5 Chan Lai Wun



S5 Mo Ki Wai





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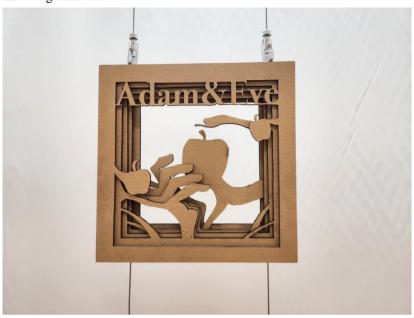
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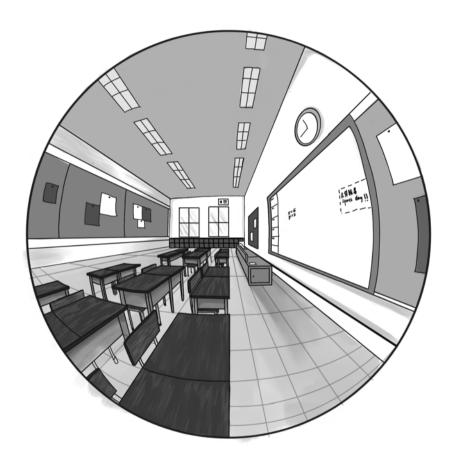


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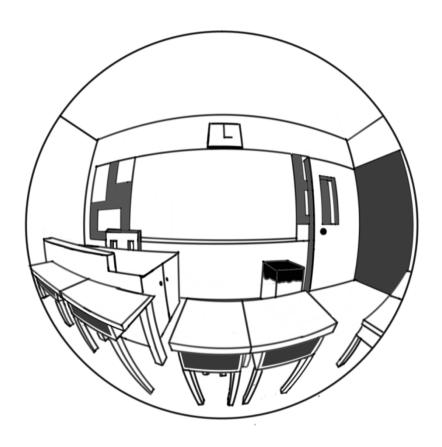


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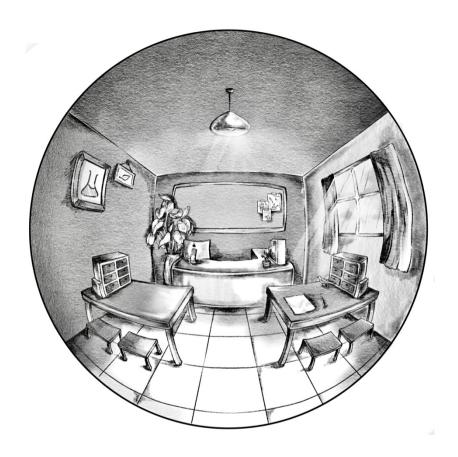
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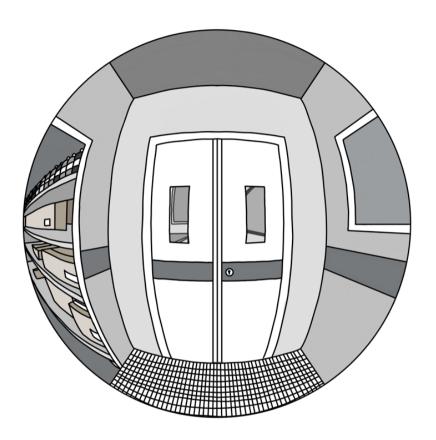
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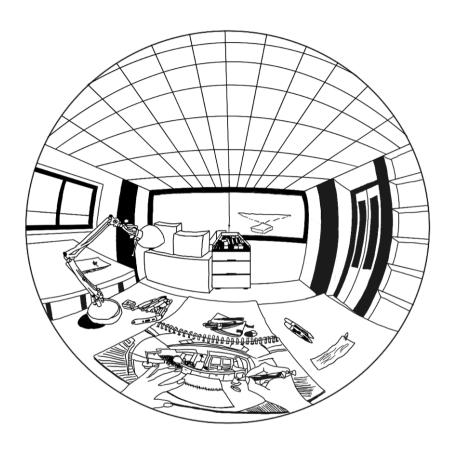
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S3 Wong Hei Tung



S5 Idea Inspirations

S5 Chan Lai Wun



S5 Chan Tsz Ching



S5 Cheung Hiu Ching



S5 Wong Hiu Ching



老師及校友作品

光中文集已是第六期了,非常感恩。

光中文集不單有出色的學生作品,最特別是有老師的分享 文章。我一向都非常欣賞光中老師的分享。老師在祈禱會、早 會、教師團契的分享已經很精彩,在文集的分享文章就更吸引。 作者透過文章與讀者作精神的交流與對話,而老師的分享文章 正正透過這種交流方式,令我感到有共鳴,有所思所悟,大概 就是這點最吸引著我!

最後,以真誠的心向撰文的教師致謝!

重建聖殿的必要條件:做人最緊要有儀式感 2023年10月30日教師祈禱會分享(節錄)

黎灝顓老師

各位同事早晨。小弟今早分享之主題為《重建聖殿的必要條件》,副標題為《做人最緊要有儀式感》。事實上,我早已於個人社交平台上分享過一篇同主題的文章,此分享亦由該文章延伸出來。我們先同唱《重建大衛的帳幕》:

「舊日倒塌的現在要建立以讚美作祢居所 大衛所建的帳幕 遍地興起 主配敬畏 我一生敬拜」

使徒行傳 15 章 16 至 18 節如此說:「正如經上所寫的:此後,我要回來,重新修造大衛倒塌的帳幕,把那破壞的重新修造建立起來。叫餘剩的人,就是凡稱為我名下的外邦人,都尋求主。這話是從創世以來,顯明這事的主說的。」其中有一句重點句子:「我要回來,重新修造大衛倒塌的帳幕」(Rebuild the tabernacle of David)。

聖殿,是今日分享的關鍵詞。到底什麼是聖殿呢?在以巴 衝突戰火再起之際,若在以巴地區提起「聖殿」,只怕你的人 頭就很難繼續放在你的脖子上了。教徒或許會回答:「豈不知 你們的身子就是聖靈的殿嗎?(哥林多前書 6 章 19 節)」所以, 身體是聖殿。也有別的說法,有人認為家庭是聖殿、教會是聖 殿、朋友圈子是聖殿……你有沒有問過自己,什麼是你的聖殿 呢?過去五年,我們聽得最多的,莫過於「我們的聖殿被毀了」,那你的聖殿也被毀了嗎?

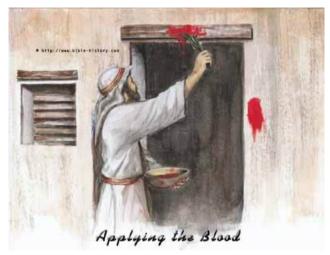


圖一:什麼是聖殿?

今天,小弟想與諸位探討「儀式感」這一課題。讓我們一 起把生活細節理論化,思考一下「儀式」的課題。

說到「儀式」,一篇關於猶太節期的講章引起我的興趣。 猶太有三大節期,包括住棚節、逾越節和五旬節。當中有關逾 越節的儀式,記載於出埃及記 12 章:

- 7節各家要取點血,塗在吃羊羔的房屋左右的門框上和門楣上。
- 8節 與無酵餅和苦菜同吃。
- 11節 這是耶和華的逾越節。
- 13 節 就越過你們去。
- 14 節 你們要記念,…,作為你們世世代代永遠的定例。



圖二: 逾越節儀式

這與華人過新年很相似,華人貼紅紙,猶太人塗羊血。逾 越節也有「逾越套餐」:羊、無酵餅、苦菜、鹽水等等。這讓 我反思,為什麼新年是貼紅紙,不是藍紙綠紙、黑紙白紙?為 什麼是吃年糕,派紅包,吃開年飯?我們從來都不會質疑這些 「儀式」。

我再舉些例子。

關於吃的方面,各位的家庭有沒有「等齊人才吃飯」這項 傳統?這是一種吃飯的儀式。又或者,家裡展開健康小辯論, 討論吃白飯還是吃藜麥。有人說:「爭咩呀,溝埋黎一齊做藜 麥白飯呀笨?」「千萬不要!」我非常堅持,兩者是不應該放 在一起煮的,因為那絕對是破壞了它們天然的美,這也是一種 儀式。每一次我到壽司郎,最後一定要點 17 元的雪糕,然後加上綠茶粉,有這樣的儀式我的壽司郎體驗才算完整。

還有禮節性祝酒儀式、婚宴上的脆金豬和海皇燴生翅、每個結婚記念日與太太吃的燭光晚餐等,都是儀式。某一年不吃了,總覺生活裡欠上一點點。

你們和我一樣嗎?在「對於床的潔癖程度」中,我屬於第一級的至高無上級,意思是沒更換乾淨衣服就不准碰床,包括自己。第二級是唯我獨尊級,最低的第五級是廢棄堆置級。 這是我們的睡眠儀式。



圖三:對於床的潔癖程度

還有諸如「先吃早餐,還是先刷牙」等生活儀式。

在我們的文化習俗中,儀式到處可見。新年燒炮竹、派紅包,端午節吃糭、龍舟競渡,中秋玩燈籠吃月餅,冬至做節吃 湯圓等。

政治上,儀式更扮演著重要的政治宣傳 (Propaganda) 作用。 不再出現的年度燭光晚會,政黨的宣傳海報,二戰時期的個人 崇拜,甚至書籍裡都不乏一些特別的口號和標記。



圖四:政治宣傳

再看聖經內的眾多有關儀式的記載。舊約摩西頒布十誡, 新約耶穌設立聖餐。舊約與新約的時代對比,恩典與律法,每 每都藏著既定的儀式。你禱告後會否不以「阿門」作結?這似 乎不會發生。不管我們領聖餐、禱告,也有一定的儀式。

BBC 於 2020 年的一篇報導「肺炎疫情致宗教儀式改變,世界各地人們如何守候信仰」中提及「新冠病毒在全球傳播,各地人們擔憂陡升,一些原有的做事方式正在改變。教堂、清真寺、寺廟和猶太教堂也在改變開展宗教活動的方式…」



圖五:BBC 報導

「不再有以前那樣的喜悅了。不做和平手勢,不口領聖餐, 就像移走了耶穌的一部分。」「某些事情只是例行公事。重新 審視一下日常生活習慣有好處。」報導裡受訪的天主教徒和猶 太人說。

我們可見,儀式到處存在。於生活中,它是我們建立的日常,也是我們無謂的執著。於宗教中,它是舊約律法與新約恩典的小辯論。於政治上,它是政治宣傳的關鍵。於我們的文化與傳統中,它也無處不在。



圖六:猶太人

那麼,儀式加上一個「感」字,「儀式感」又是什麼意思?

村上春樹:「儀式是一件很重要的事。它讓我們對在意的事情心懷敬畏,讓我們對生活更加銘記和珍惜。」《三十而已》:「三十歲之前看數量,三十歲之後看質量,儀式感是沒有放棄自己最好的證明。」Samuel Johnson: When a man is tired of London, he is tired of life.

著名小說《小王子》裡有一段關於儀式感的故事:

狐狸對小王子說:「如果你每日下午四點來,那麼從三點 起,我就開始感覺到快樂,時間越臨近,我就越來越感到快樂。 到了四點鐘的時候,我就會坐立不安,我發現了幸福的價值。」

狐狸頓了一頓,繼續說:「如果你隨便什麼時候來,我就不知道在什麼時候該準備好我的心情……所以應當有一定儀式。」



圖七:小王子和小狐狸

「儀式是什麼?」小王子問。

「這也是經常被遺忘的事情。」狐狸說。「它就是使某一天與其他日子不同,使某一時刻與其它時刻不同。」

儀式賦予了特定的時間、特定的人物,與別不同。它雖是重複或可預測的,但正因如此,這種可預測性和慣性,為我們提供了力量,對抗不可預測的凶險未來。比如早上刷牙梳洗,日進三餐,生活中每個細小的細節,也因為儀式感,成為了我們「對抗焦慮的習慣性緩衝器」。



圖八: 小王子和小狐狸

人生是沒有意義的。人類透過儀式感,建立起人生存在的 意義,讓我們的一生,不致落空。我不禁要問,那麼我們學校 有什麼儀式?學校有什麼很有儀式感的事?



圖九:課堂規矩

我們立刻想到的,必定是每周禮堂的升旗禮。此外,還有 我們教導學生的言行舉止:先舉手後說話、輪流發言、學會排 隊、守規矩、與同學分享、有禮貌等。疫情和網課對教育界最 大的衝突之一,是它破壞了多年建立的基本規矩,例如課室的 敬禮、課堂規矩、完成家課、與人溝通、基本的責任心等。我 是很重視儀式感的人,所以我心底裡很討厭看到網課後的這些 「禮崩樂壞,頹垣敗瓦」。

我再舉些例子。

本學年復辦四年不見的全日運動會,教師們的服飾本來可各穿各的,沒有意義。有一天,我們數學科組同事談起:「有『中大天文』、『城大隻佬』、『港大醫學』,雖然醜一點,但為什麼不可以設計一件『光中數學』?」不錯,數學科老師的「隊衣」,賦予運動會裡的特定人物與別不同,從而建立意義。這也是儀式感。



圖十: 光中數學

此外,我們各班各科同工同學,皆以特定的時間表上課。 這樣學生就知道在什麼時候準備好迎接老師的心情,這也是儀 式。 再以小弟的數學科為例。數學本來就是在空虛混沌中,尋找意義。數學的儀式感,就是那些煩人的邏輯和符號,數學家透過這些符號和證明,為無意義的混沌,建立秩序和意義。教授微分的時候,我們會給予學生微分口訣:「人之初,性本善,性相近,習相遠。先乘除,後加減。次方拉落黎,次方減一,D左唔 D 右,加 D 右唔 D 左…」正是特定的口號,讓本來沒有意義的口訣,變得有點不同。



圖十一:數學課

從學生的角度看,學校是充滿儀式感的地方。學生應守校 規、穿校服,上課日需八時正或之前報到,上課前後需向教師 敬禮,下課後需要完成家課。學生也非常期待和嚮往學校活動, 例如陸運會場上為社爭光,與同學們競技奪標,社職員帶領低 年級同學作啦啦隊打氣吶喊;在禮堂舞台上大展歌喉,用音樂 帶動氣氛,享受其中;與社員合作練習和作賽,於社際球賽揮 灑青春的汗水,更重要是親自記下這些大大小小的歡樂時刻。

班主任為班會安排的午間祈禱會、班會飯聚,星期五放學 後的團契聚會,一年一度的福音周,有教師樂隊和團職合唱團 的聖誕崇拜,復活節崇拜和步行籌款……每一環、每一項、每 一刻,對學生而言,都別具象徵意義。我膽敢這樣說,他們每 一天期待著十二時四十五分的午膳鐘聲,也是很有「儀式感」。

教師團隊以至項目之主辦者應該從「儀式感」課題中,反 思些什麼?我不禁會問,那我們在建立什麼儀式?這些儀式的 推行和實施,我們在全力成就嗎?還有就是,那些儀式對學生 有什麼意義?這些意義與學校發展計劃、學校主題,甚至辦學 宗旨,有何共鳴之處?



圖十二:徐立之校長

今天的主題經文,使徒行傳15章16至18節後半段如此說:「叫餘剩的人,就是凡稱為我名下的外邦人,都尋求主。」重要是「都尋求主」。那麼,重建學校儀式之重要性何在?我記得港大徐立之校長一言,他道:「一所學校最珍貴的是什麼?是金碧輝煌的演講廳,還是財力雄厚、學術超卓的表現?都不是。一所學校最珍貴的,是當中的人。有言曰:『人事全非』,當所有教師學生你也不認識的那一天到來了,那已經不是你認識的那所學校了。」六年以後,今天存在的所有學生都會畢業;六年以後,今天存在的同工,或許也一起畢業了。我們應當建立些什麼?



圖十三:何權輝校長

創校校長何權輝校長在榮休前一學年的演說,題為「珍貴 的東西不要珍藏」。他這樣說: 「教育工作是學校最珍貴和最重要的工作,因此作為學校一分子的教師,應以專業教學為最珍貴和最重要的事情。而作為學校一分子的學生,也應以專心學習為最珍貴和最重要的事情。這些最珍貴和最重要的事情,都應當每天去做,而不是要等待某些特別的日子才做。不然的話,在若干年後,當我們回顧我們的成敗得失時,我們會感到後悔不已,因為已沒有機會讓我們重新再來一次。」(何權輝,2005)

非讓我說,重建學校儀式有其迫切。舉例言,增加早會讀經儀式,統一地讓全校師生接觸《聖經》。或可建立屬靈學生隊工,早會靈修,建立學生領袖。又或可學習「政治宣傳」的儀式感,於演說、課堂等強化學校主題及關注事項之意識。三個「說」:精演說、多解說、多遊說;三個「建立」:建立同工、建立學生領袖、建立聖殿。只要說上去朗朗上口,什麼四個堅持、五個目標、七個打造、十五年內超英趕美、以結果為目標,管牠黑貓白貓,總之能捕捉老鼠的就是好貓。

最後,送予諸位一節金句:「願主我們神的榮美歸於我們身上。願你堅立我們手所作的工;我們手所作的工,願你堅立。」(詩90:17)

願主賜福予諸位。

改編劇本: 戰火下的小花

康少娜校友

《戰火下的小花》(The Breadwinner)是一部 2017 年動畫電影, 根據黛伯拉·艾里斯的小說改編,講述阿富汗少女帕瓦娜與家人在塔 利班政權下求生的經歷。編者是次改編成劇本,讓同學於閱讀劇場演 出,作推廣閱讀之用。

第一場(市集)

(爸爸與帕瓦娜在擺檔。)

- 1. 穆罕默德 (呼叫)代筆寫信,讀信……帕利圖文、達 利文都可以。還有很漂亮的花、手工裙、雜 物賣……
- 2. 帕瓦娜 爸爸,這條手工裙是我的最愛…… 我從來未 穿著過,一次也沒有……
- 3. 穆罕默德 帕瓦娜,我也很捨不得,這條裙是為慶祝你 出生,你媽媽親手用金線縫出一朵朵小花的 手工裙。現在是我們全家最值錢的東西。再 說……這麼華麗的裙子,也沒有機會再讓你 穿了。
- 4. 帕瓦娜 我可以在家裡偷偷穿。
- 5. 穆罕默德 哈哈,帕瓦娜。現在沒有客人,讓我再跟你 上課,說一些我們民族的歷史,你還記得 嗎?
- 6. 帕瓦娜 歷史?很無聊,我不記得……

7. 穆罕默德 就當聽一個故事,我們民族有很多好故事。 聽一個好故事,可以安慰人心。從前有一片 破碎大地,北方是烈火一樣的沙漠,荒漠之 上,最有價值的寶藏就是人……帕瓦娜,你 有沒有專心聽?

(阿里與阿扎經過。)

- 8. 阿里 這個女生在這做甚麼?
- 9. 穆罕默德 我原本有一個兒子,不過因為誤中地雷死了,另外一個兒子,仍是手抱嬰兒,我需要有人幫我擺攤。
- 10. 阿里 部隊跟你說話,你竟然一直坐著,站起來! (帕瓦娜扶着跛腿的爸爸站起來。)
- 11. 穆罕默德 戰爭前我是一個老師,你認得我嗎?阿里, 我是你老師。
- 12. 阿里 我認得,穆罕默德老師……那又怎樣?我已 經加入塔利班,現在跟伊斯蘭敵人戰鬥…… 咦,你女兒幾歲?我是時候要娶妻子。
- 13. 穆罕默德 我女兒……已經許配了人。
- 14. 阿里 哼,那她不應該出來拋頭露面,女人不應該 外出,招惹不必要的關注,更加不可以向外 人展露容貌!
- 15. 穆罕默德 你可以不要看她。
- 17. 阿扎, 阿里,好了,部隊隊長在等我們,走吧。
- 18. 阿里 今天放過你!

(阿里與阿扎離開。)

- 19. 穆罕默德 唉,他以前是一個好學生。我們回家吧。
- 20. 帕瓦娜 爸爸,你說我已經許配了人?
- 21. 穆罕默德 當然沒有,你只是 11 歲,應該要去玩,聽更 多有趣故事。
- 22. 帕瓦娜 我已經長大,不用聽故事。
- 23. 穆罕默德 你以前不是很喜歡聽故事嗎?
- 24. 帕瓦娜 現在聽故事又有甚麼用……

第二場(家)

(姐姐在缝衣。穆罕默德舆帕瓦娜回家。)

- 25. 媽媽 老公,太好了,你們都平安。
- 26. 姐姐 爸爸,你快坐下休息。帕瓦娜,家裡沒水 了,趁現在沒甚麼人快去打水。
- 27. 帕瓦娜 我才不去,還有半桶水,如果不是你老是洗頭,水也不會用那麼快。
- 28. 姐姐 女生的頭髮是很珍貴的,當然要好好保養。 (嬰兒哭聲。帕瓦娜、姐姐哄嬰兒。) (傳來拍門聲。) (阿里與部隊隊長入。)
- 29. 阿里 隊長,就是這個男人,穆罕默德,是伊斯蘭的敵人,在家私藏禁書,而且教女人讀書寫字,教他們歷史。

(隊長看到桌上的書。)

30. 部隊隊長 穆罕默德,你有何解釋?

- 31. 穆罕默德 我原是一名老師,家裡有書很合理。我只是 和我女兒說故事,沒教她們甚麼。
- 32. 阿里 穆罕默德,你以前不是教我,故事比歷史書 更貼近真實嗎?
- 33. 部隊隊長 穆罕默德,跟我走。
- 34. 穆罕默德 我沒做錯事,你們沒權捉拿我。
- 35. 部隊隊長 困你一年半載,自然反省到自己的錯!
- 36. 帕瓦娜 你們沒有證據,這是未審先判!
- 37. 部隊隊長 你說甚麼?! (隊長欲打帕瓦娜,媽媽為帕瓦娜擋住。)
- 38. 媽媽 隊長,對不起、對不起。但我老公真的不可 以離開,如果他被困一年半載,我們一屋女 人,不能工作和外出,我們會死!
- 39. 部隊隊長 一人犯罪,全家遭殃,這是真主對你們的懲罰!
 - (阿里和部隊隊長押穆罕默德離開。)
- 40. 帕瓦娜 爸爸……
- 41. 媽媽 老公……你的手杖……

第三場(家)

(姐姐在縫補衣服。)

(帕瓦娜一拐一拐地淮場。)

- 42. 姐姐 帕瓦娜,你沒事吧?
- 43. 帕瓦娜 我原本想去市集買米,但老闆不肯賣給我, 讓我叫男人去買,我回來時又遇到阿里,他

一直追我,我就一直跑,跑著跑著就跌倒了,連錢包都不見了……

- 44. 姐姐 這不是你得錯,你已經很勇敢……
- 45. 帕瓦娜 媽媽如何?找到爸爸嗎?
- 46. 姐姐 唉……

(回憶,台另一邊,媽媽拿著丈夫的相片和 手杖,經過市集。)

- 47. 檔主 喂,你一個女人去哪裡?你老公呢?
- 48. 媽媽 (拿出相片)我老公被人捉拿了,我要送信去監獄,請監獄長釋放我老公。
- 49. 檔主 大逆不道!留有照片是犯法,你一個女人出門又是犯法!可以判你死刑! (檔主搶過相片,撕爛。搶過手杖,將媽媽推在地上。)
- 50. 媽媽 不要!這是我老公唯一一張照片!
- 51. 檔主 一個女人,竟然妄想可以去監獄?你在街上 惹麻煩,只會害了你老公!

(檔主離開。媽媽拾起散落一地的照片。)

- 52. 帕瓦娜 那怎麼辦?食物買不到,爸爸又找不到……
- 53. 姐姐 媽媽說她有一個表哥,可能可以帶我們離開 這裡,你幫忙寫封信給他。
- 54. 帕瓦娜 (激動)我們不理爸爸了? (媽媽抱著嬰孩出。)
- 55. 媽媽 帕瓦娜,你別激動,嚇到弟弟了!我們不是 不理爸爸,但我們不能外出,這樣下去,沒

有錢,沒有食物……我首先要照顧好你們和 弟弟。

(嬰孩哭。帕瓦娜接過嬰孩。)

56. 帕瓦娜 弟弟,對不起,我講故事給你聽。從前有一 片破碎大地,北方是烈火一樣的沙漠,荒漠 之上,最有價值的寶藏就是人……

(嬰孩不哭,媽媽笑了。)

- 57. 帕瓦娜 爸爸說,聽一個好故事,可以安慰人心。
- 58. 媽媽 (笑)我帶他去睡覺。 (媽媽離開。)
- 59. 帕瓦娜 終有一天,我要帶爸爸回家。
- 60. 姐姐 這時代,女人就是罪人,只是買最基本的食物,也是犯罪。我們無能為力。
- 61. 帕瓦娜 爸爸說過很多故事,裡面有人流血,有人死亡,但也有人能生存下來,循環不息。我要做生存下來的人……姐姐,有剪刀嗎?
- 62. 姐姐 有,你要做甚麼?(姐姐從針線盒拿出鉸剪)
- 63. 帕瓦娜 這長頭髮,我不要了。(姐姐阻止)
- 64. 姐姐 你想裝成男生出去?不要!……我是姐姐, 應該是我剪!
- 65. 帕瓦娜 姐姐,你差不多年紀要出嫁,你的頭髮很漂亮,好好保養,它一定會帶給你幸福。我一定要帶爸爸回家!
- 66. 姐姐 帕瓦娜……

第四場(市集)

(帕瓦娜變成短髮,換了男裝。)

- 67. 古拉 真主保佑!請給我一公斤米。
- 68. 檔主 你的米。 (帕瓦娜出,在檔前停留。)
- 69. 帕瓦娜 你好……我想……買一公斤米。
- 70. 檔主 你的米。
- 71. 帕瓦娜 謝謝!太好了! (古拉拉帕瓦娜到一旁。)
- 72. 古拉 你是帕瓦娜?
- 73. 帕瓦娜 你知道我?
- 74. 古拉 我是古拉,你記得我嗎?以前上學的時候, 我們曾經是同班同學,那時候,我是長髮, 你也是。
- 75. 帕瓦娜 古拉!
- 76. 古拉 (壓沉聲音)別那麼興奮,要把聲音壓沉, 才像個男生。你這樣很容易被人發現。
- 77. 帕瓦娜 (壓沉聲音)是……
- 78. 古拉 還有,別叫我古拉,有人的時候叫我古德。 用男生名字!你也改吧。
- 79. 帕瓦娜 知道,古·····德! (帕瓦娜定晴看著一個地方。)
- 81. 帕瓦娜 這裡是以前我爸爸和我擺攤檔的地方……
- 82. 古拉 節哀順變。

83. 帕瓦娜 我爸爸沒死,是被送進監獄了,我想去監獄 看他。

84. 古拉 你就算去到監獄,他們也不會讓你見爸爸。

85. 帕瓦娜 但我現在已經是男生。

(古拉搖頭。)

86. 帕瓦娜 因為我是小孩?

87. 古拉 (搖頭)無論你是大人還是小孩,男還是 女,根本沒關係,因為我們都是沒有權力。 (帕瓦娜沉默。)

88. 古拉 (打破尷尬)可能有方法的,但需要一大筆 錢。有錢可以做很多事,可以賄賂人,你就可以見爸爸。

(阿扎經過。在擺檔地方附近張望。)

89. 阿扎 不好意思,你知道之前在這擺攤檔的男人在 哪裡?

90. 帕瓦娜 他……去了外地探望親戚……

91. 阿扎 你是?

92. 帕瓦娜 我是帕瓦……德,他是我……叔叔。

93. 阿扎 你識字?

94. 帕瓦娜 是的。

95. 阿扎 你可以讀這封信給我聽嗎?

96. 帕瓦娜 好(接過信,打開)親愛的阿扎,我寫信來 是要告訴你一個傷心的消息,很遺憾通知 你,你的妻子哈拉,在參加她妹妹婚禮途 中,乘搭的巴士壓到地雷,遇難身亡。節哀順變。

(阿扎接過信件,轉身離去。)

第五場(監獄外)

97. 古拉 從市集走到監獄真的很遠,終於到了……

98. 帕瓦娜 我帶了一千阿富汗幣,希望可以見到爸爸。

99. 古拉 你有一千阿富汗幣?

100. 帕瓦娜 我賣了一條裙,是媽媽親手縫製,用金線縫 出一朵朵小花的手工裙……是全家最值錢 的。

(獄警出。)

101. 獄警 小朋友,你們在這做甚麼?

102. 帕瓦娜 我想見我爸爸穆罕默德,我有錢,一千阿富 汗幣......

103. 獄警 走,這裡不是你應該來的地方。回去! (獄警轉身就走。)

104. 古拉 他一定是覺得太少,你要再儲錢才行。

105. 帕瓦娜 我可以像我爸爸那樣擺攤檔。

106. 古拉 我有時會幫人做雜工,扣掉生活費,也儲了 不少錢。

107. 帕瓦娜 你也要儲錢?

108. 古拉 是,我要去一個地方(拿出一張相片)一個 有海的地方。我在我爸爸收藏盒裡面找到這 張明信片,是一個海邊,是夏威夷,還是巴 里島?完全想像不到天空和海洋可以連成一 片藍色!我最喜歡藍色!我要在海邊生活, 然後做小生意,看海到日落。

109. 帕瓦娜 很美,我也想去……

110. 古拉 等你找到爸爸之後,我們一起去海邊。 (兩人笑著離開。)

第六場(市集)

(帕瓦娜擺檔。阿扎經過。)

111. 阿扎 帕瓦……德?上次我沒有付錢。

112. 帕瓦娜 不要緊。

113. 阿扎 讀了壞消息就不收錢?那你很難賺錢。

114. 帕瓦娜 上次……我未開始擺檔,就當是幫朋友。

115. 阿扎 謝謝你,可以幫我再看一次這封信嗎?將我妻子的名字指出來,「哈拉」,我想記得她的名。

116. 帕瓦娜 (指著信上)哈拉, 這裡。

117. 阿扎 在晴朗的夜晚,望著月亮的時候,月亮周圍 會有一圈光環,圍繞着月亮的這圈光環,就 是哈拉的意思。

118. 帕瓦娜 一個好美麗的名字。

119. 阿扎 謝謝你,我的朋友。 (阿扎準備離去。)

120. 帕瓦娜 等等……你上次問我,坐在這的那個男人。

122. 帕瓦娜 嗯,他不是去探望親戚,他是被拉去了監 獄,幾個星期沒有消息,你可以幫我嗎? 123. 阿扎 監獄?你星期三去監獄,找一個叫羅桑的

人,他是我部隊的兄弟,應該幫到你。

(阿扎走。部隊隊長,阿里出。)

124. 阿里 (看帕瓦娜)幹嘛盯著我?……等等,我認

得你,你是那個穆罕默德老師的……

(帕瓦娜推開阿里跑走。)

(阿里想追逐帕瓦娜。隊長追上來。)

125. 隊長 阿里,戰爭開始了,我們要立刻出發!

126. 阿里 我在對付敵人!

127. 隊長 阿里! 別理會那小孩, 你已經十四歲, 要像

男子漢一樣上戰場,奮勇作戰!

(阿里着手中的槍神色凝重,跟上他的隊長

一起離開。)

第八場(家)

(微弱的戰爭聲響。)

128. 媽媽 戰爭已經開始,帕瓦娜,我收到表哥的信,

已經安排好,將你姐姐嫁給表哥的大兒子,

明天就會有人來接我們離開,你不用再冒險

打工了。

129. 帕瓦娜 姐姐要嫁人?

130. 姐姐 這是救我們離開這城市的條件。

131. 帕瓦娜 我不走,姐姐也不用嫁人,我可以擺攤檔養

活一家。

132. 媽媽 我已經失去一個兒子,老公生死未卜,我不

能再失去你。

133. 帕瓦娜 媽媽……起碼在我們離開前,讓我去監獄見 爸爸,告訴他我們的去向,然後我再和你們 一起走,我保證。

134. 姐姐 媽媽,讓她去吧。 (帕瓦娜拿起父親的手杖,離開了家,遇上 古拉。)

135. 古拉 帕瓦娜,去工地開工嗎?聽說薪酬很好。

136. 帕瓦娜 古拉,我明天就要離開這城市了。我姐姐要嫁人,我現在要先去監獄找我爸爸。

137. 古拉 (悔氣)你還未賺夠錢,去了也是被人打!你走吧,快點走啊!去一個熱鬧的婚禮,說不定你也很快都可以嫁人!

(兩人靜默一會。)

138. 帕瓦娜 古拉……你和我一起走吧。

139. 古拉 (搖頭)我還要照顧爸爸,雖然我不喜歡 他,但我不能離他而去……(在身上找錢) 拿去,我身上的錢不多,去找你爸爸……就 當是道別的禮物。

140. 帕瓦娜 古拉,我們要一起去海邊,看著天空海洋連成一片藍色!我們約定將來海邊再見。

141. 古拉 (笑)好,我們將來海邊再見。

第九場(家/監獄) (家。) (有人拍門。) 142. 巴特 我是巴特,是你表哥派來接你,我們要馬上 啟程。

143. 媽媽 你不是明天才到嗎?我……兒子出了門,我 要等他。

144. 巴特 戰爭已經爆發,我們要趁道路封鎖之前,盡 快啟程。

145. 姐姐 巴特先生,等一等就可以。我媽媽不走,我 也不走。

146. 巴特 你就是姐姐(點點頭)……(向媽媽)老太婆,我肯帶你走,算你夠運。值錢的是這個年輕女子,還有這個男嬰,我從很遠到來,你不要阻我(一手搶過嬰孩)如果你不立即起行,以後也走不了。

147. 媽媽 把兒子還給我!

148. 巴特 想要回兒子,就跟我走。

149. 媽媽 求求你,我的女兒還未回來!

150. 巴特 這個形勢下竟然讓女兒出門?蠢材! 跟我走,要不然,你今天不止失去一個女兒。 (監獄。)

(獄警經過。阿扎隨後。)

151. 帕瓦娜 你好,我想找羅桑。

152. 獄警 又是你?小朋友,走開。

153. 阿扎 別生氣,他是我朋友。 (獄警離開。)

154. 帕瓦娜 你叫我星期三來找你表弟羅桑。

155. 阿扎 唉,戰爭爆發,羅桑已經被徵召上戰場,現在部隊要清除監獄裡不肯作戰的犯人。帕瓦德,你叔叔應該……

156. 帕瓦娜 甚麼?!他其實是我爸爸,我叫帕瓦娜,不 是帕瓦德。求求你,阿扎,我一家要走,今 天見不到我爸爸,我想,我們以後就見不到 了……

157. 阿扎 聽著,如果太陽下山前,我還未回來,你就 離開吧,天黑之後,這裡非常危險。你現在 先找個地方躲藏。明白嗎?

158. 帕瓦娜 明白!

第十場(沙漠/監獄)

(沙漠。)

159. 巴特 女人,快點走。

160. 媽媽 我幫你抱著嬰孩吧。

161. 巴特 終於會感恩了嗎?我帶你們離開那個戰場, 你們真的要感謝我。

(媽媽把嬰孩給姐姐。)

162. 媽媽 我們不會跟你走,我要回去找我的女兒。拉 雅!抱緊弟弟,快點走!

(媽媽拿出剪刀擋在身前。)

163. 巴特 想反抗我?! (巴特拿出一把刀。)

164. 媽媽 拉雅!走,盡力跑!

(拉雅在媽媽的掩護下抱著嬰孩跑走。)

(巴特拿着刀衝向媽媽,媽媽用手壓着刀, 另外一隻手的鉸剪指着巴特的頸。)

165. 媽媽 你走吧,除非你想殺死我,我會用盡最後一口氣,不會讓你傷害我的孩子!

166. 巴特 癲婆,你的手全是血。這裡是沙漠,快天黑了,你不跟我走,你也只會死在這。

167. 媽媽 我就算死,也不會跟你走。

168. 巴特 哼!

(巴特走。)

(另一邊監獄。)

(阿扎扶着爸爸出。被獄警看見。)

169. 獄警 阿扎,你要帶他去哪裡?

170. 阿扎 他快死了,我將他搬去和其他屍體一起,讓 我出去。

171. 獄警 你想帶他出去?有人在外等他?那個小孩?

172. 阿扎 你就當看不到吧,他只不過是一個受傷的老人,又不能上戰場,他的性命與你何干呢?

173. 獄警 我再說一次,不可以帶他走!

174. 阿扎 帕瓦娜,你還在嗎?快點接你爸爸!

(扎克圖和獄警一番打鬥,雙方倒地。帕瓦 娜扶着她爸爸離開。)

第十一場(沙漠)

(一家人四散台上不同角落。)

175. 媽媽 沙漠又冷又黑。

176. 帕瓦娜 天上的星星連起來,就好像媽媽用金線縫的 花······

(嬰孩哭聲。)

177. 姐姐 乖,別哭······從前有一片破碎大地,北方是 烈火一樣的沙漠,荒漠之上,最有價值的寶 藏就是人······

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Three Hacks to Save Money on Your Next Phone Plan

Ms Wong Po Yin



Ladies and gentlemen, what stresses you out lately? For me, it was renewing my 2-year phone plan. It all started back in late April when I began receiving calls asking me to renew my phone plan before the deal ended. I wasn't too excited about this because I have other tasks to deal with. Today, I am going to share my story with you and three hacks (ABC) I came up with to save money on your next phone plan.

A stands for acknowledging the deals of competitors. Before having a serious chat with the customer service representative, I did my research. I created a comparison table on Excel with information on pricing, service quality, speed, etc., of similar phone plans from other

service providers. When I finally spoke with the representative, I presented the best argument I could, using information from the table. I came prepared because I did not do my homework last time and ended up with no special offers, losing the argument.

B stands for beware of upselling. While discussing my new phone plan with a customer service representative, they skillfully presented a slightly better plan, tempting me to pay \$100 more for 'higher quality service'. To prevent falling into the upselling trap, have a budget in mind. This way, you can make decisions based on what you need without unnecessary expenses, like free texts when messaging apps are more common.

The most important hack is C – confirm your deal until the last minute. By delaying the conversation, I unintentionally sent a message to the service provider that I may not be interested in their deal or have an alternative plan in mind. This tactic plays on their fears of losing you as a customer, increasing the chances of getting a better deal. Also, this saves you from impulse buying. Marketers create a sense of urgency like limited time offers to get customers like you to make purchases without prior planning.

In my case, I signed a 2-year contract with the same company, receiving cash backs, a free subscription to an online magazine app, a \$100 coupon and service that removes suspicious calls. All for less than \$100 a month. This was a significant win for me compared to prior phone plans where I received nothing upon signing. I encourage you to try these hacks next time you renew your phone plan and see how much you can save by acknowledging competitors' deals, being

aware of upselling and confirming your deal until the last minute. It's not about being a penny-pincher, it's an opportunity to practice your persuasive skills and perhaps save a few hundred bucks on your next phone plan.

Thank you!

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